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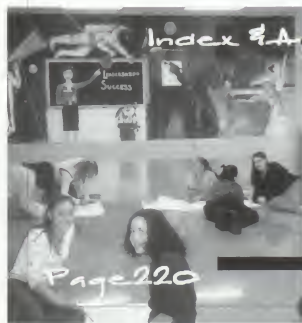


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Welcome....

To Another Year



As the year begins, so does a new set of ideas, a new set of students, and a brand new set of **Abstractions**. Different personalities, views, cultures, and backgrounds make every single student unique. While students are bombarded with **Distractions** every day of their lives, many come up with unique **Plans of Action** to make school work for them, whether it is having a good time, earning good grades, or both.

Through the years, students are divided into *Different Factions*, with seniors on top. Those seniors will leave the high school with a sense of *Satisfaction*, whether through accomplishments in sports, clubs, or just being themselves. All these activities involve some type of *Social Interactions*, which students are subjected to while attending high school. As the school year comes to a close, so do all the memories that the seniors will leave with from Portage High School.



Right: Last year's Fall Homecoming Queen Katie Foster places the crown on senior Saneer Ibrahim's head.

Below: For some students, lunch is the best time of the day. Here senior Curt Shaffer gets some condiments.



MINI-



Above: As a tradition, the senior girls perform a skit for the senior football players at the pep-rally. The game was against the Michigan City Wolves. Right:

This year the school had all PE students buy a uniform. As usual, students had complaints about the uniform's appearance.





Left: In gym class, senior Gabriel Lopez, juniors Robert Guzman and Maureen Pall, and sophomore Amanda Diaz exercise, sporting their fashionable gym uniforms. These uniforms were mandatory for all gym classes. Below: Goalie senior Jeffrey Metz blocks the ball. The Varsity Boys Soccer team did more than skeptics expected in their season.

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Above: The day is Crazy Hair/Clash Day during Spirit Week. Seniors Dennis Trafny, Aaron Flores, and Scott Swanson dress appropriately.



Right: Students are often sleeping in strange places. Senior Ashley Szybala demonstrates this trend.

NAPSTER

Over the course of the year 2000, there was an on going battle between musical artists and the internet music company Napster. The legal disputes were started by the band Metallica, who said that Napster released their song "I Disappear" from the Mission Impossible 2 soundtrack before it had been released to the public. The argument was supported by artists like Dr. Dre, Eminem, and Snoop Dogg.

On the other end of the spectrum, during the summer of 2000 there was a concert tour held with the main act as Limp Bizkit. The concert was in support of Napster. Supporters felt that the public should have access to free music.

"If a band doesn't want to let people download their songs for free then their just greedy," stated sophomore Amanda Schumacher. As the battles continues, some fear that one day there may be a fee to use this handy resource.

The Never-Ending Story

Story by: Stacie Culp

Many of the seniors can look back and remember the year of 1992 when Bill Clinton was elected president with fond memories. As the seniors sat in front of



the television, in fourth grade, they watched the inauguration of the president of the United States. This year those same students relived those memories for a second time. The campaign of 2000 was like no other in history. The biggest online election held by the ever-so-popular Channel I News, "One Vote" took place. The majority of the students either voted George Bush or Al Gore, the main competitors in this election. Bush and Gore both had very different opinions on how the country should be run. Bush supported school vouchers, which took money from public schools to support private schools.

Gore disagreed, saying that this was taking away from the public schools, which the majority of the students attend. "I support Gore because of his vote against school vouchers," says senior Jason Bristow. Another major component in the election was abortion. For some people this was the decision maker. As the votes were tallied up, it was the closest election in years. With this in mind, Florida was required to have a mandatory recount in all counties, hoping this would determine a winner. It in fact did not, as Gore challenged the results again and again. But in the end, Gore conceded, and



George Bush became our 44th president of the United States. As seniors leave the PHS walls behind, they

will enter the world of America with Bush as its leader.

Fun Facts ?

There are no clocks in any of the Las Vegas gambling casinos.

Sleep 101

WRITTEN BY: MARCUS RAINWATER

Lack of sleep is apparent in performance at school

Day after day it strikes. Students drop off into an array of peace and quiet. Oblivious to their surroundings, the students enjoy the unconscious utopia, while drooling all over their desk.

This is a daily occurrence among the students here at Portage High School. One may ask, who is at fault? The students? The teachers? The parents?

What causes students to be so tired

during the school day? According to statistics, it is caused by staying up late. "Sleeping in school seems like it gradually gets worse

the next morning. When that teacher gets up to the front of his or her class, their lecture turns into a lullaby leaving the student with no other choice but to succumb to the forces of nature.

Students sleep during the school day for different reasons, be it for working late, playing around on the Internet, watching tv, or talking on the phone. And as long as school starts at 7:25, the sleeping will remain.

as you move on into higher grades," said senior Jeremy Rossman.

People do suffer from such unforgiving sleep disorders such as insomnia which leaves them rendered extremely tired

"Sleeping in school seems like it gradually gets worse as you move on into higher grades"

Cafeteria Food Teachers vs Students

"Nacho Beef Ole is a culinary delight."

-Mr. James Downes

"The school's food is too high in carbohydrates."

-Mr. Terry Milner

"I like them. Mmm, mmm good."

-Mr. Dan Merrill

"The salad bar in the faculty lounge is the best bargain in town."

-Mr. Tim Pivarnik

"You could live off school lunches, but I wouldn't suggest it."

-Senior Kelly Gibson

"I don't feel that cafeteria food is healthy at all. What nutritional value is in Nacho Naturales?"

-Senior Jason McKinney

"They need to serve Nacho Beef Ole at least once a week."

-Senior Rob Gray

"Holy mullet, stay away from the orange juice!"

-Senior Cassie Dixon

The music scene for teenagers has all its bases covered. Whether one feels like spending an evening bopping his or her head to Christina Aguilera, or wants to mosh to the Deftones, there is a concert out there. Portage is a perfect location for

Local Sound

concerts, being only a 45 minute drive to Chicago. For the traveler, he or she could venture down to Indianapolis for a show. But many students choose to stay in the city for the local shows. Why pay more when you can pay less to see great talent? Some of the bands this year are Pain Therapy, Jack in the Pulpit, Overdoze, Placenta Stew, The Decline, Playhouse, Whipl@sh and Freebase. There are a lot of places that hold local concerts such as the Lazer Zone, which is one of the more popular spots, also The Pines, American Legion, and Woodland Park. One of the local bands "The Decline" has an array of fans. "Everytime I see them practice [The Decline], it's like a private session with talent that surpasses bands like NOFX or System of a Down. It sends chills down my spine," stated Junior Matthew Redden. Some of the adults have other views on student's listening habits. "It sounds like hammering two oranges together," Mr. Bartos declared. Pretty ripe oranges.



Andy McKee, Shane Anders and Gary Pitkovich make up The Decline.

he year of 2000 brought upon a collage of singers and bands. From the pop stylings of Britney Spears and N' Sync, to the aggressive rock sound of Creed and Incubus, students had much to choose from. Pictured below is the 13-year old rapper Lil' Bow Wow, 2000's youngest addition.



2000 Hits

Godsmack
 Britney Spears
N' Sync
 Creed
Moby
 DMX
 Incubus
 Deftones
 Creed
 Dixie Chicks
 Papa Roach
 Faith Hill
 Dr. Dre
 3 Doors Down
 Eminem
 Destiny's Child
 Mandy Moore
 Mystikal
 Limp Bizkit
 Santana
 Blink 182
 Jessica Simpson
 Lil' Bow Wow
 Outkast

Compiled by: Stacie Culp

What do you think?

THE SCHOOL'S RULES

“Rules are very important. Otherwise, we’d all be going the wrong way on the stairs.”

Mr. Danyil Schultz

“The way I feel is that rules should apply to everyone, even the teachers.”

Sophomore Derek Costa

“Rules are good things that set our perimeters. Without them we would be in total anarchy and chaos and revert back to the stone age.”

Mr. William Bodnar

“The parking stickers are dumb. It is a waste of five dollars. Students should not have to permanently attach something to their car. Students still drive without them.”

Senior Megan Miller

“School rules make me feel safe.”

Senior Robert Smith

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

WHY IS A DRIVEWAY FOR PARKING AND A PARKWAY FOR DRIVING?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

WHY DO SHEEP NOT SHRINK WHEN IT RAINS?

ON A CHILD'S SUPERMAN'S COSTUME IT READS: WEARING THIS DOES NOT ENABLE YOU TO FLY.

Cat urine glows under blacklight.

BUTTERFLIES HAVE TASTE IN THEIR FEET.

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

FACTS GATHERED BY MR. JOE STEVENS
(ALSO FUN FACTS)

Students having a little too much fun at school. Spirit at the annual pep-rally caused a shaving cream "mob" to erupt.



The administration banned shirts that had the letters S.B.S.U.P., because of the "inside" meaning.

BANNED CLOTHING

Issues

ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE DARK

Story by: Lisette Fontanez

Across the globe people fear something. Everyone has that little thing that crawls up in them and sends chills to the rest of their body. Fears start with some type of situation which traumatizes the person. A fear every teenager can relate to is the fear of school. Obviously not everyone breaks into tears at the sight of it but some do, this is called didaskaleinophobia. Everyone has a phobia, what is yours? "I am scared of the dark," said junior Krystal Eldridge.



Fear is a part of every teenager's life. Whether it is that dreaded final exam or walking through a graveyard. Here Cody Hunke gives us a look of surprise.

Controversial

By: Stacie Culp
and Angela
Magana

Days turn into weeks, weeks turn into months, and those months make up what we call the school year. Within these many months things have happened that send the student body into an uproar, along with the faculty. While some may think that this drives the students apart, in all actuality it brings them closer together through sharing their differing views, opinions and abstract ways.



PHS new rule: No originality in gym clothes and required gym classes are no longer co-ed.

Gym

WANTED:

Napkin Dispenser Thief



Suspect: One high school student
Items Stolen: 2 Napkin Dispensers

Reward: \$25

Punishment: Until Napkin Dispensers are returned, the sanitation of all students will be revoked, and no napkins will be dispersed to the students.

The Pow Wow wrote a story on the girl's uniforms being suggestive. An uproar soon followed.



CINDERELLA SEASON

When the season began no one expected the fantasy ending that the Boys Varsity Soccer team had. Last was expected to be Portage's year. This year was for rebuilding. While the team was not expected to go far, all doubts were banished this past season.

The season started off with the team playing Highland and walked away with a 2-1 win. From there the team showed the critics why they should not judge so quickly. The team worked their magic and went all the way to semi-state. They sadly lost that game 0-1. "I thought the season ended well," said senior Jeffrey Metz.

Regardless of how the team got there they had a good season. Perhaps Portage was lucky, or maybe they were meant to have the happy ending that boys soccer so rightly deserved.

What is wrong with the the opposite sex Boys vs Girls

"Girls say they are not promiscuous, but then brag about what they have done."

-Senior Justin Philips

"I don't like females who reveal their physique to the extent that it attracts attention."

-Sophomore Mark Kitchen

"Absolutely nothing."

-Senior Joseph Seiner

"They are always going on and on about boring stuff that no one cares about but themselves."

-Senior Jerrod Wallace

"They are self-centered and insensitive people."

-Senior Laura Carpenter

"Guys don't care about how girls feel."

-Sophomore Victoria Melton

"Guys are too conceited and they think they are better than girls."

-Sophomore Tonya Merry

"They do not listen, they think they know everything."

-Senior Cassie Mann



Fun Facts? The strongest muscle
in the human body is the tongue.

"I slid down the stairs in four-inch platform shoes."

Sophomore Michelle Kruse

"I was at a Fourth of July party and my friend pulled my swimming trunks off. Guess what everyone saw."

Senior Zachary B.



"I was playing ball at Woodland Park and some guys were dunking and they told me to do it too. I told them no because I was white. I did, and I succeeded, but instead of letting go, I was parallel to the ground and fell hard. I guess white boys can't jump."

Senior Matthew Scheer

"When I got pushed into the girl's bathroom in third grade for three bucks."

Junior Danus Taylor



"At Deep River Waterpark my top came off when I was diving, and a hottie lifeguard had to bring it to me."

Senior Melissa Miner

"I fell off my chair and hit my head on a desk. They had to take me to the hospital."

Sophomore Christopher Hopper



"My friends and I were seeing who could pass gas the loudest and I crapped my pants."

Sophomore Matthew Higgins

EMBARASSING MOMENTS

Everyone has had something happen to them in their lives that has made them turn a little red (some more than others).

"When I was in Marching Band we did an exercise where we had binders on our head. The photographer from the paper took a picture of me and it was in the paper."

Junior Barbara Stanton



"One day I wore tear-away pants, without shorts underneath, to school. For two blocks of the day my pants were unbuttoned, on the left side all the way up to my underwear."

Sophomore Alexis Chaddock

"I was walking up the stairs in front of these cute guys and I missed the next stair and fell right on my face."

Junior Christina Minkick



"When Joe Setnor pushed me out of my chair while I was sleeping. I broke my arm and ruptured a vertebra. Everyone had a good laugh at my expense, even Mrs. White, the nicest teacher ever."

Senior Philip Mihoe

"Me [Bonnie] and Richelle fell to the bottom of the escalator and three security guards rushed over to see if we were okay."

Sophomores Bonnie Kuss and Richelle Alcantara

"I went to Inmans in eighth grade and hit someone in the head with a golf ball."

Junior Daniel Hedger

Spirit filled senior Aaron Flores is dressed in his '70's gear. Along with other boys, Flores participates in '80's day which is the first Monday of every month.



Photo by: Connie Belting

Bits 'n' Pieces

"The pep rally brought students closer, yet there were a few safety hazards."



Sanee Ibrahim

Photo By: Marcus Rainwater



Photo by: Jennifer Mesich

As always the football players sit on their trailer and wave to the on lookers. This is a tradition in the homecoming parade.

In the west gymnasium, chaos was evident. Regardless of the safety hazards, students did seem to enjoy the pep rally.



Photo by: Jennifer Mesich



Photo by: Jennifer Mesich

A dedication to the senior football players is presented by the senior girls. The dance/skit was done to the song "Who Let the Dogs Out" by DMX.

On the freshman float the wolf confronts the Indians. For the homecoming parade each grade is asked to make a float that will be part of the parade.



Photo by: Jennifer Mesich

"The End of an Era"

Story By: Angela Magana and Stacie Culp

Once upon a time Portage High School had bonfires, tailgate parties and pep rally skits. According to a certain morning announcement, the same may someday be said about pep rallies.

Year after year Student Council has put on the fall homecoming festivities. After school committees meet to plan what should or should not be included. Each class is in charge of constructing a float for the parade and decorating a hallway.

Throughout the week of homecoming, students dress to show their spirit. This year Monday was PJ day, Tuesday was Decade Day, Wednesday was Hawaiian Day, Thursday was Crazy/Clash Day, and Friday was the classic Red and White Day. At the end

of each day the participants were tallied and the winning class was announced. Although seniors lost every spirit day to the underclassmen, they definitely made up for it at the pep rally.

Just like the previous year, students, faculty, alumni and other Indian fans entered the West gym.

The past pep

rallies have been at the East gym, but that tradition has changed too. The seniors' energy was obvious, while each lower grade that comes

that same energy dwindles. Mr. Ralph Mundt, the emcee, announces the Indians and a roar begins. The fog fills the entrance and the football

Another tone setter is when the homecoming nominees began to find the candy in the whip cream and senior Dawn Piazza snuck over to senior Sanee Ibrahim and threw the cream at her. Across the gym floor, the two ran as Ibrahim tried to get revenge. She finally succeeded after Piazza slipped.

After that, the spirit flew along with the toilet paper. Shaving cream was everywhere. If there had been an order to stop, the students did not hear it or they chose not to. It ended in one giant mess. The result was a stern verbal slap on the hand from Mr. Kirchner the next morning. Warned as they were, will the students of the future make rebellion a tradition?

School Spirit Flies Too High

enters.

The team

walks to their seats, knowing this is all for them. Two senior players, Hunter McKee and AJ McKorkel, gave speeches that left two things in mind, "Am I a winner now Dad?" and "Down, down, down, MC's going down." Those speeches not only left the crowd rolling in laughter, but also set the tone for the rest of the night.

Down the track they speed in the golf carts. Senior Dawn Piazza is escorted by her Father. The Homecoming Queen is announced during half-time. As he rushes the ball up the Football field, Senior Nicholas Mayerick tries to escape one of the Michigan City Wolves, which are trying to tackle him.



Photo by: Root Studios



Photo by: Root Studios



Photo by: Root Studios

lined up for the crowd are the Homecoming nominees. This year's Queen was Saneer Ibrahim. She was also Winter Homecoming Princess last year.

Bits 'n' Pieces

"I thought the toilet paper was the funnest part of the whole game. The team played well, too."



Melissa Lopez

Photo By: Jennifer Mesich

Bring it home

Story By: Angela Magana and Stacie Culp

Homecoming week is always a favorite time among the students of Portage High School. All the excitement is brought to a peak when Friday rolls around and it is football time. This year was no exception. Students showed their support for the Indians by chanting with the cheerleaders and other fanatics. All this support for the boys paid off. The team won with a landslide score of 38-07.

However, the toilet paper idea brought down the night. Faculty lined the stands as students and even alumni took their chances by hurling rolls of toilet paper through the stands. One person even brought a roll from the concession bathroom. The rolls would continue to fly

until a parent or another "non-participating" person got a hold of the roll. From there, the authority figures would come along and retrieve the rolls. Of course, the supporters of the toilet paper throwing were not too pleased, but the game went on.

Just like the last time the Portage Indians played MC,

they ran down the Wolves.

"I didn't doubt that we were going to win. I thought the toilet paper was pretty funny though," said senior Michael Boyle. The team has made it

through hard times and many interceptions. Along with frequent game errors, some of the vital seniors were injured at the beginning of the

season. As always the team did not let their fans down. At the homecoming game, the screaming fan began the well known "We are!" and the rest of the fans would respond with "Portage!". The energy built and could be felt throughout the stands. School spirit is what makes the homecoming game come alive, and this is continued through the

crowning of Homecoming Queen and Mr. Football. The homecoming nominees this year included seniors

Christina Chase, Emily Kirk, Ashley Szybala, Saneer Ibrahim, and Dawn Piazza. The winner of the crown was Saneer Ibrahim, although you could see the smiles of congratulation on all the nominee's faces. This year Mr. Football was James Ramirez. Ramirez was one of the seniors that was injured this year. He had not been able to play in the homecoming game. The events of the homecoming game brought together the love of school spirit and the love of football. Students and parents both agree that this homecoming will be remembered.

Photo by: Root Studios



For the tackle, senior Nicholas Christian and junior David Wring attack the MC player. The Indians won the homecoming game with a score of 38-07.

Full of spirit are seniors Chas Pall and Brian Beach. At the game there was a toilet paper distraction, but that did not ruin the night for some fans.

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Student Life

Practice Makes Perfect

Story By: Stacie Culp

No one can understand the work involved into putting together the fall play, except for those who are actually involved in it.

Weeks and weeks of practicing are not only helpful, but necessary in the production of any play. This year's play was no exception.

The result for many was well worth the while.

"I'd have to say being in the play was, so far, the greatest thing that has happened to me," freshman Susan Doane stated.

Apart from hard work and practice, teamwork played a major role in the outcome of the play.

"The friendships I made were priceless," Doane continued.

The Fall 2000 production 'ER'

was performed on the stage of the East Auditorium on November 17 and 18. It was the tale of the Lincoln Memorial Hospital, a small medical institution in Chicago.

The main characters this year were played by seniors Aaron Flores and Sara Crowley, and juniors Laura Hodges and Beth Collins.

With an array of patients, the play was jam packed with comedy and drama. The first half of the play was made of hilarious scenes, including the performance of a drugged up

boy played by senior Matthew Scheuer. Then there was the infamous Elaine, played by senior Abby Porter. You never get to see her face or hear her voice, but

she was one of the most exciting characters in the play.

The second half of the play brought forth a stream of seriousness, including two characters dying and a mourning wife, played by senior Elizabeth Enrico. The majority of the students seemed happy with the play, shown by the loud applause and standing ovation held at the end of

the opening night. There were a few people in the audience who did not enjoy the play, but the majority of the students enjoyed it.

"The play was both serious and comical. The comic relief was awesome," said senior Melissa Misner.

In the end, the weeks of practice paid off for both the cast and the viewers of 'ER'. For some of the senior thespians, it was the last time they will grace the PHS stage with their presence. As they leave the halls of Portage High School to enter the workforce, they will always have the words of advice brought forth from the play by senior, Angela Magana: "If you come to work with a positive attitude, you will have a positive day."

While he portrays a drug induced character, senior Matthew Scheuer is attended to by seniors Aaron Flores, Sara Crowley and Allen Hughes. Scheuer made his first appearance onstage in "Grease."

Photo by: Jennifer Mesich



When senior Allen Hughes asks questions, seniors Ashley Szybala and Ryan Wring look at the injured small boy, played by Jaylin Cherowith. The play was set at Lincoln Memorial Hospital on the North side of Chicago.



Photo by: Jennifer Mesich



Photo by: Jennifer Mesich

Bite Pieces

"We had a lot of work to do, but the cooperation displayed by everyone involved made everything run smoothly."

Sara Crowley

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Photo By: Stephanie Lofland



Photo by: Jennifer Mesich



After a fight, senior Sara Crowley examines the broken and swollen hand of senior Rodney Revels. Nurses trained the cast members to help them make the show appear more realistic.

As the audience laughs, senior Abby Porter smells junior Dennis Foster. The cast rehearsed for almost two months to produce ER.

Moonlit Paradise

One thing that is special about the Christmas Dance is that all grades are invited to attend. Pictured here are just a few sophomore girls



A couple walks into the dance through the official entrance. The Student Council sponsors this dance each year.



Photo By: Candice Turner

Couples spend the evening dancing, whether together or with their separate groups of friends. Everyone is expected to bring a date and dress formally



Photo By: Candice Turner

Bite n' Pieces

"I really enjoyed the dance this year. It was a memorable night and I hope to never forget it."

Sarah Halfman

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Photo By: Jennifer Mesich



Photo By: Candice Turner

Professional

pictures are taken at every annual winter formal. Here students are filling out the order forms

The Christmas Dance is a couples-only dance. Here Friends Junior Ryan Hall and Senior Erica Mendez are pictured during the dance.



Photo By: Candice Turner

Winter Break

The event occurs only once a year and students cannot get enough of it. Everyone finds something to do; sleeping, traveling, or just hanging out.

Sunset Hill is a popular spot to spend the cold, snowy days. Here are juniors Christina Vega, Shandra Stanfield, and Melanie Morales.



Have some winter fun by grabbing a tube and hitting the slopes like junior Melanie Morales. Tubing is one thing offered at the Pines Ski Lodge in Valparaiso.



Mexico was the vacation spot for senior Kelly Gibson. On her tropical cruise, she did some deep sea diving. This picture was taken at 50 feet.

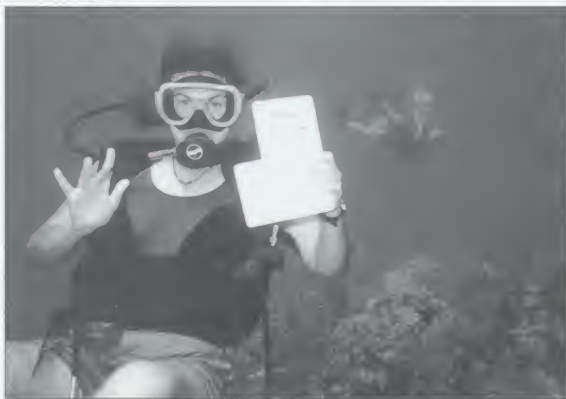




Photo by Marcus Rainwater

The Ski Club went to Bittersweet, Michigan over Christmas Break for a skiing and snowboarding trip. On the top of the slopes, a few members stop to pose for the camera.

This winter was filled with snowball fights and sledding. Here, in front of the high school, Brian Bowles participates in a snowball fight outside with a few of his friends.



Bite n' Pieces

“Winter Break has been so much fun now that I snowboard. I have something to do when it is cold!”



Jennifer Kaminski

Photo By: Marcus Rainwater



At Crystal Mountain in Michigan, senior Stacie Culp and junior Ashlee Young from Crown Point High School snowboard. Snowboarding is gradually becoming a more popular sport with teens.

Winter Homecoming

The basketball team is ready for the game to start and surprise, its the girls' team. For the first year, the Winter Homecoming game is being played by the girls team. Some made a big deal about the event while others saw it as just another game. "It was cool at first, but I like watching the game and the other things that go on," said senior player Jamie Lewis.



Photo by: Jennifer Mesich

Photo by: Candice Turner



The Winter Homecoming game was played against Valparaiso. The game ended with a score of 44-58. Junior Tracie Karbar plays guard on the varsity team.

Smile for the camera. Juniors Adam Ritter and Ashley Plummer stand for pictures after being named Homecoming Prince and Princess during half-time ceremonies.



Photo by: Jennifer Mesich

Up for the rebound is senior Amanda Autrey against the Valparaiso Vikings. Autrey has played for the program since her freshman year at Portage High School.

With Vikings around her, senior Lauren Hansen fights to keep control of the ball. Hansen is not only an athlete, but among the top of her class.

Photo by: Jennifer Mesich



Bike in
Piercer
“It (cheering in uniform) was our way to show support for the girls and pump up the crowd.”



Joseph Setnor

Photo By: Candice Turner



Photo by: Jennifer Mesich

To show their support for the girls team, some of the senior boys and a junior boy dressed in cheerleader's outfits and performed during a time-out.

The Variety Show is just another place for senior Adam Higgins to display his passion for music. This year Higgins was also part of the Natural Helpers staff.

This year the Variety Show had true variety. Acts were anything from singers to dancers to jugglers, like sophomore Thomas Misch. The audience was amazed by Misch's talents.

For the Variety Show the Multi-Cultural Club performed a traditional Hispanic dance. The club practiced the dances on Saturdays.



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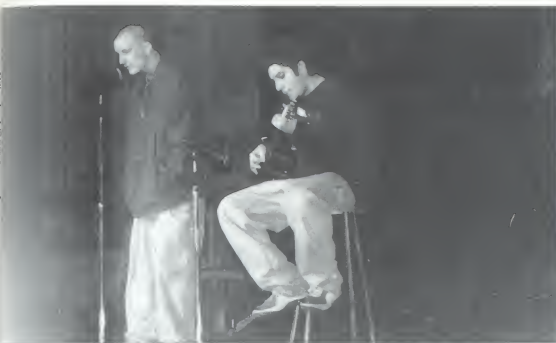


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Variety Show

Every year the school holds a show where students are able to display their talent in various ways. Acts vary from bands to jugglers. The acts must tryout to be a part of this traditional show. Though this is not a contest like the Battle of the Bands, there is always a good turnout.

Photo by: Jennifer Mesich



The Variety Show provides an opportunity for everyone to present their talents. In this picture seniors Steve Fejes and Jeff Curiel perform by singing and playing the guitar.

Photo by: Jennifer Mesich



An act different from other As a quartet seniors Sara acts was one performed by juniors Eric Rivera and Patrick Thurber. Their act was entitled Giant Squid vs. Octopus. Another unique act was the group that seemed to portray "KISS". Their costumes were quite appropriate for seniors Aaron Flores, Hunter McKee, Jason McKinney, and Robert Smith.

competition.

Photo by: Jennifer Mesich



A Little Sooner

Story By: Shandra Stanfield

For most students, January means it is time to go back to school after a long, well deserved winter break. However, for many seniors January marks the end of their high school career and the beginning of the rest of their lives. January 12th was the last day of school for mid-term graduates, and the ceremony was held in the auditorium on January 17th. Many of the graduates have been planning their early graduation since freshman year. "I had been thinking about it for a long time," said graduate Patricia Snoder, "I knew by my sophomore year that it was what I really wanted to do." Others did not consider graduating early until more recently. Seniors

must have their decisions made by spring of their junior year when they turn in their schedules to the counselors. Some look at mid-term graduation as an opportunity to get a head start on their futures. "A lot of people take time off after high school to make money and get their plans straight before they go off to college. This way I'll have time to do those things without losing any time," said graduate Michelle Gass. Some might argue that

graduating early is not an advantage because students miss out on many senior activities such as Prom, and programs such

as Outstanding Young Man and Junior Miss. However, seniors who graduate mid-term are still permitted to attend and participate in all Portage High School events. Graduates do admit that there are some downfalls to graduating mid-term. Although many mid-term graduates still attend graduation in May to support

their classmates, they miss not being in the ceremony with their friends. "Personally, I wouldn't want to give up a minute of my senior year, but I can see the advantages of it. It all depends on the plans you have for yourself," said junior Melanie Morales about mid-term graduation. The mid-term graduation ceremony was considerably shorter than the ceremony in May. This can be contributed to the fact that there were a lot less graduates. However, there were still several speakers, including Principal Richard Kirchner, Superintendent of schools Dr. George McKay, and Senior Class President Saneel Ibrahim.

Mid-Term Graduates

Graduates stood together after receiving their diplomas. Family and friends watched while waiting to congratulate the 2001 mid-term graduates.

Photo by: Lisette Fontanez





Principal Richard Kirchner called graduates' names while Superintendent, Dr. George McKay handed out the diplomas.

For many graduates, the moment that they received their diploma was a proud one. Here, Colleen Stanish has her moment.



Photo by: Lisette Fontanez

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Bike n' Pies.

"I would recommend mid-term graduation to anyone who's not quite sure what they want to do and need some time to figure it out."



Angela Golden



Photo By: Lisette Fontanez



Photo by: Lisette Fontanez

Many administrators and guests attended the mid-term graduation ceremony. Here, speakers stand and applaud the new graduates.

An interview is conducted with each one of the participants as to their plans upcoming. Here Mr. Joe Stevens conducts a session with Mike Zulcowski.

Senior girls are invited to help teach the dance routines, prepare refreshments, and present the numerous awards to the contestants.



Photos by: Jennifer Mesich



OYM 10th Anniversary

Story By: Christina Vega

As the lights finally dimmed on the auditorium, students and adults alike eagerly rushed towards their seats to enjoy the typical festivities the Outstanding Young Man Scholarship Competition has to offer. However, once those red velvet curtains rose, the evening presented even more magic. As many came to learn, this was the year the OYM program blew out ten of its very own birthday candles. To complete in the celebration, the OYM alumni were present at the competition and were individually recognized for their past years of OYM experiences and for what they have made of themselves since.

An extra special touch was added when pictures and video were presented on an enlarged projector screen that displayed victorious OYM moments. The rest of the evening followed the identical, yet equally entertaining itinerary OYM pursues year

to a close, the audience tabulated their guesses on which candidate the prospective Outstanding Young Man would be. Made infamous by his profound statement regarding his future plans and occupation, the audience was not surprised when senior Jason McKinney was announced as this year's reigning Outstanding Young Man. Tears of joy came streaming down the face of Jason as he walked along the stage and saw the audience erupt into a wave of applause. After the competition, many congratulated Jason McKinney while others eagerly took pictures of the past OYM title holders.

Let's hear it for the boys

after year. The candidates were objectively judged in five main areas: casual wear, formal wear, physical fitness, impromptu questioning, and personal interview. Many senior OYM candidates were granted an opportunity to shine in one or all of the competition's events. As the night was coming



Sometimes even some of the school's best athletes have a case of clumsiness every once in awhile. But the show must go on, as senior Nick Christian demonstrates to all.



The introduction to this year's OYM show was presented by last year's winner Aaron Priest. Priest is now attending Valparaiso University and is majoring in Political Science and Chinese.

In the physical fitness section of the competition, the senior boys wear crazy boxer shorts and dance to a choreographed routine.

Not sure on the right
thing to say, the fiddler,
which is played by senior
Elizabeth Enrico.

shrugs.

In the opening act Tevye,
played by senior Brian
Saronawski, sings "If I Were
a Rich Man". Saronawski
also participates in the
choralier group.



Photo by: Jennifer Mesich

Bite n'

“The cast, particularly
the majors, did a
phenomenal job with
recreating mature
characters with a
decided ethnic bend.”

Pieces



Mr. William
Bodnar

Faculty

Photo By: Marcus Rainwater

"Tradition"

Story By: Jennifer Mesich

The curtains part and a spotlight shines on a lone actress on the roof of a small house, holding a violin. She begins to play a melancholy tune and Tevye, father of the main family, begins to talk about the village of Anatefka and its inhabitants. So begins this year's musical, "Fiddler on the Roof". It is the story of Tevye, Golde, their five daughters and how they live in the small Russian village of Anatefka. While the musical takes place during World War II, the village's traditions date back much further. Men and women are not allowed to dance together, only boys go to school, and the girls find their husbands through a

matchmaker. As the musical progresses many of these strongly held traditions are bent or even broken as each daughter falls in love with a man whom their father does not approve of. In a dream sequence, Tevye speaks with his deceased mother. She talks to him about who he should allow his daughters to marry.

Through the

"Aren't we all fiddlers on the roof?"

dream, the butcher's dead wife, Fruma Sara, appears to warn what would happen if Tevye's daughter, Tzeitel,

marries her widower. In the end, Tzeitel marries Motel the tailor.

Many months of hard work went into producing this year's show.

The process of putting the musical together started long before tryouts. Actual rehearsals began in February for the three shows that were given in April. "Practicing everyday after school was draining," said senior Katie Trathen, who played Hodel. The cast members were able to look

past the hours spent in rehearsal, though, for the real reasons why they decided to be involved in the musical. "I love performing on stage and I thought this would be a good opportunity to play my violin in front of an audience," said senior Elizabeth Enrico, who played the fiddler.

The numerous hours spent going over lines, dance steps, and rehearsing musical numbers certainly paid off in the end with the roaring applause of the audience at the end of each show. The cast, particularly the majors, did a phenomenal job with recreating mature characters with a decided ethnic bend," said Mr. William Bodnar.



Photo by: Stephanie Lofland



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The men carry the altar for the wedding of Tzeitel and Motel, played by Laura Hodges and Chad Norris. The Rabbi was played by Mr. Terry Leavenda.

In the house, Golde, played by senior Erin Wendt, sings. Wendt has participated in every musical during her time at the high school.

In Florida, seniors Robert Smith, Christopher Scott, and Aaron Flores get creative with sun block. Smith is a little shocked by the turnout.



Spring Break

It is well known that students and faculty alike long for the much deserved summer break. The schools are given a tease with spring break. For most, the break means two things. First: One week of trying to find stuff to do. Second: A getaway from Portage. But it is not always a happy time. "It was the worst spring break I have ever had. We went down to Florida. All I did was sit around waiting for family members and camped with my parents. I hate camping. The only cool part was the Spiderman Ride at Universal Studios Island Adventure. It was awesome. It made all the tortures worthwhile," said junior Tristan Mathews.

Bike Picnic

“I went to Key West, Florida and made a beautiful sand woman on the beach.”



Eric Rivera

Photo By: Marcus Rainwater

~~At~~ their hotel in Cancun, seniors Erica Mendez, Gina Prichett, and Emily Kirk take a break from swimming to smile for the camera.



On a ride much like a catapult, seniors Gregory Ciesielski and Aaron Flores await the “Go” signal from the instructor.

In front of the hotel, senior girls gather for a picture. Senior Sanece Ibrahim was the coordinator for the trip to Cancun, Mexico.

Wonderful Tonight

For some seniors, the last dance of their high school career is their most memorable. The prom is organized by the junior class, who works hard to make sure everything is in order. The theme this year was "Wonderful Tonight," coinciding with the song by Eric Clapton. Pictures, dancing, garters, revealing dresses and bare chested guys made up this year's prom.



The dance floor at prom is packed with couples and friends dancing the night away. A DJ is hired every year to provide dance music for prom goers.

The prom is a couples dance only. Students can go with a boyfriend/girlfriend, or a friend. Here are junior Caitlin Groves and senior Michael Zonder.





A variety of dresses and hairstyles makes every prom interesting and fun. Here seniors Rebecca Siminski and Jacob Cunningham show us their gave.

Prom is a time to lay back, relax, and have a good time, as seniors Jerry Beeson, Jason Henderson, and Stephen Deleon show we.



This year the prom queen was Lauren Benson. The other nominees included Rebecca Siminski, Ashley Safstrom, Abby Porter, Sane Ibrahim, and Lauren Haseo.

Filled with anxious anticipation, all thirty-three girls eagerly await the announcement for the twelve finalists in the Junior Miss competition.

The contestants cannot seem to get the poise routine down right. Frustrated, Mr. Stevens stands and demonstrates the steps and movements himself.



Photo by: Christina Vasez

Photo by: Michelle Conn



When the side doors of the auditorium opened, a herd of contestants poured out to perform the opening number "Girls Just Want To Have Fun." The idea was to be crazy, silly, and of course have fun.



Photo by: Michelle Conn

Bike **Pie**
 "Junior Miss was so much fun. Everyone in it was capable of winning. It was quite a shocker when I won."



Laura Hodges

Photo By: Michelle Conn



Photo by: Christina Vega



Photo by: Christina Vega

The contestants face backwards before they begin the physical fitness routine. The girls danced to "Shake Your Groove Thing."

Before teaching seniors Erin Ables and Victoria Perez exhibit the fitness routine.

Pageant Dreams

Story By: Christina Vega

"It's not a pageant, it's a scholarship competition!"

Many people among the community, despite efforts made by the Junior Miss organization, still view Junior

Miss as a local high school beauty pageant instead of the nationwide scholarship competition that it is. The competition stressed four main areas in the following order of importance: interview, talent, scholarship, physical fitness, and poise.

Some people were shocked to find out that a certain contestant did not win, or perhaps was not a finalist because she "shined" in a certain segment of the program. In actuality, it is a well-rounded contestant that scores well in all five areas that brings home the crown, or even a finalist plaque.

The interview was

conducted in one of the Holiday Inn conference rooms. The judges took turns asking questions about the contestants while simultaneously looking for a sense of values, divergent interests, and clarity of expression.

Scholarship consisted of the evaluation of the contestants based on the GPA of both

academic and elective courses they have taken as well as the scores of standardized tests.

As far as the talent portion goes, every girl selects a personal talent, but it can

only last two minutes long. The fitness routine was done to the fun song "Shake Your Groove Thing" and was replete with push-ups, sit-ups, kicks, and other

Hodges, Shannon Smolar, Candice Turner, (physical fitness) Samantha Weinman, Christina Hyde, Christina Vega, (poise) Tanja Gazibara, Shelby Luna, and Danielle Gingerich. The top five contestants were Samantha Weinman, Shannon Smolar, Shelby Luna, Tanja Gazibara, with Laura Hodges winning the crown.

aerobic moves.

The physical fitness routine was done two times so that everyone got a chance to be in the front row and be seen. Last, but not least was poise. The girls were judged on grace and stage presence as they moved sweetly to the ballad "Take My Breath Away."

Preliminary awards went out to (scholarship) Laura Hodges, Michelle Lute, Nicole Keith, (talent) Laura

Junior Miss

Graduation

It is what every high school student gets up for everyday, sits through ninety minutes of freshman English and spends hours doing homework every night. It is graduation, the goal that is set for every student who enters the doors of Portage High School. While a few do not make it, for the majority of the class it is one of the most memorable nights of their lives.



Photo by: Michelle Conn

The diploma covers are handed out by Dr. George McKay. Here Edward Roseberry has his moment in glory. Inserts were picked up directly following the ceremony.

Happiness shown throughout her face, Lynn Ewen receives her diploma with a smile. Lynn was on publications staff.



Photo by: Michelle Conn



Photo by: Beth Culp

After the ceremony, graduates Jennifer Kaminski and Stacie Culp share a hug together. The feelings sometimes shared between friends at graduation are both happy and sad.

Graduates turn their tassels after every senior has received his/her diploma "cover". This tradition is a sign that everyone has completed the necessary graduation requirements.



Photo by: Michelle Conn



Photo by: Michelle Conn



Photo by: Stacie Culp

A quick break during graduation practice provides an opportunity for friends to take some memorable photos. The practice was held an hour before the actual ceremony.

Patiently waiting for the formal speeches to end, Matthew Arndt sits with the rest of his fellow graduates.

Valedictorian

The valedictorian was Kari Kopko, who ended her high school career with a grade point average of 4.45. Kopko will be attending Harvard to major in the medical field. She reminded us that, "the paintbrush was our present, the canvas was our future, and the paint was our past."



Photos by: Michelle Com



This year's salutatorian was Erin Ables, with a GPA of 4.211. During Ables' graduation speech, she extended thanks to our teachers and parents for "challenging us to be better athletes, to grow as musicians, to enroll in tougher courses, and to be more understanding people."

Ables will be attending Arizona State.

Salutatorian



Bite n Pics

“Though I thought I wouldn’t, I actually enjoyed having the commencement in the gymnasium. There was an intimate feeling of being in such close proximity to all of my classmates, the parents who supported us through this ordeal, and the teachers who helped shape our high school experience. Coming through with a first class graduation send off was one promise that Portage High School did not duck out on. It was a fitting end to one of the beginning chapters of our lives and I would not have traded that night in that gym for any other conceivable graduation ceremony. May 25th was a night I won’t forget anytime soon.”



Mike Zonder

Photo By: Marcus Rainwater

After the graduation ceremony, teachers, students, and parents alike crowd in the commons to congratulate and for some, say

good-bye.



Photo by: Stacie Culp

Photo by: Michelle Conn



As the graduates are still filing in, students search for their family and friends in the crowd. This year’s graduation was inside, allowing only those with tickets to attend.

A Year in --- --- --- Review





Different Factions





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Faculty

During class, Mr. Wolfman listens to what junior Jeffrey Burton has to say.



Mr. Eich helps assist some of his art students.

Some art was used in the art fair which took place around the school.



Bonnie Albert
Mary Allison
Nicholas Blanton
William Bodnar
Larry Casbon
Leslee Cashmore
Heather Castle
Josh Cavin

Janice Christ
Clara Clark
Stacy Clem
Lynette Dean
Beth Duncan
Craig Fantin
Mark Fischer
John Goldschmidt

Melanie Gordon
Jerry Hale
Ronald Hancock
Debra Heitmann
Sandra Herr
Jennifer Hickman
Samantha Hoopingarner
Dawn Johnson



What do students do that pushes teacher's buttons

"They ask the question, 'why do we have to do this?'"

-Miss Villanueva

"When students don't do their work."

-Mrs. Lochmondy

"When students don't pay attention to instructions and have a lack of respect for one another."

-Miss Villanueva

"They ask the question, 'did we do anything while I was gone?'"

-Mr. Cope

"Students don't understand when I give them work, it's to teach them, not punish them."

-Mrs. Parker

Since the late 70's Mrs. Albert has been all around the world. She has been places such as Africa, Russia and

Mrs. Bonnie Albert

"It wasn't my fault I was brought up in a good family so it wasn't other peoples fault they were brought in a place less privileged."

Chile. She goes to help those who are less privileged. She said before she became a teacher she wanted to do missionary work. "It is a good way to spend my time and

enjoy"

Mrs.

Albert was born in the United States which she said is a privileged country unlike those places she likes to help out.



Photo By Elizabeth Richards

Here, Mr. Kirchner shares a laugh with wrestling coaches Tharp and Pendowski during one of the home matches.



Mark Karmel
Daniel Koishal
Richard Kretz
Annette Kulmatycki
Linda Lemond
Tom Levandoski
Barbara Lochmondy
Jane Lohmeyer

Jennifer Lowe
Mary Lute-Brown
Carrie Martin
Robert Martino
Sue McPherson
Dana Milteer
Linda Oldenburg
Robert Parker

Sheila Parker
Tim Pivarnik
Wendy Poppewell
Jennifer Randell
Millie Ruzbasan
Jane Schmidt
Tim Somers
Mary Sparacino

Cindy Splitgerber
Madeline Summers
Amanda Thoms
Charles Tones
Marissela Villanueva
William Wilke
Tony Williams
Virginia Wilt

Yan Wolfman
Christine Woods
Donna Yaksic
Dawn Yovanovich

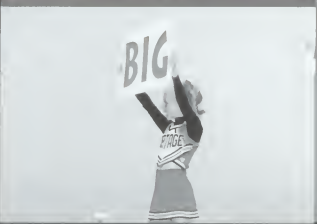
Class

2004

Nothing beats the excitement of the spirit of the freshman class. Freshman cheerleaders are usually given the task of being at the top of the pyramid.



Freshman are encouraged to participate in almost every school activity. Two freshmen smile at the Holiday dance.



Danielle Abram
Heather Adduci
Megan Aimutis
Joshua Akins
Danielle Allsbury
Thomas Almendarez
Alejandro Alvarez
Laura Anderson

Ashley Andrews
Heather Anthonijsz
Nicholas Appelman
Joseph Arnold
Vanessa Arroyo
Kyle Autrey
Jennifer Ayers
David Bacso

Jillian Bailey
Sara Bailey
Jennifer Baker
Roberto Balderas
Dana Ballard
Jerald Balta
Jessica Barajas
James Barnes

Steven Barnes
Alexandria Batista
Glen Batista
Brian Beck
James Becker
Michael Becker
Amanda Beiswanger
David Bellamy

Maria Belleville
Alexis Bendi
Louis Berg
Ashley Bernardi
Matthew Berquist
John Berryman
James Berumen
Ricky Bey

Christopher Bibby
Katie Bielefeldt
Ashley Biggs
Justin Bilderback
Brian Bissonnette
Megan Blatsioris
Ambrosia Borowski
Joseph Boruff





Stephanie Bottorff
Heather Box
Kenneth Boykin II
Thomas Bradshaw
Nicholas Bravo
Caitlyn Brewster
Christopher Brock
Rebecca Broyles

Michael Brunsman
Brad Brutout
Branden Buchmeier
Jason Buda
Amber Butala
Stephanie Butler
Carl Cabanas IV
Randy Cain

Holly Callahan
Nicole Camarillo
John Camery III
Candice Campbell
Randy Campbell
Rachel Cantu
Fabian Caraballo
Cacey Carr

Alicia Carter
Joanna Castillo
Joshua Castleman
Daniel Castro
Donald Catlin III
Jonathan Cavezza
Jenny Cervantes
Chad Chalfant II

Shannon Chavez
Cody Chayhitz
Paul Cherepko
Brittany Childers
Cara Christman
Nicole Christoff
Alex Clark
John Clay II

What was your most favorite memory of
freshman year ???

I really enjoyed my art
classes.
Elizabeth Ditts

Mr. Eich's drawing
class.
Christina Wiler

Not getting lost in
the building.
Alan Fengya

All of the dances and
parties.
Heather Adduci

Getting almost
all A's on my
report cards.
Kristen
Newcomb

Daniel Clayton
Emily Oliver
Matthew Cody
Kevin Coffman
Kristin Coffman
Jessica Cohen
Megan Coleman
Michelle Coleman

Sarah Cook
Tara Cooper
Ryan Coppinger
Jessica Coros
Ashley Cowger
Ashley Cox
Theodore Craig
Joshua Crandall

Zachary Cripe
Anna Crowley
Britny Cuellar
Dustin Curtis
Ann Daniel
Kristle Daniel
Jennifer Darnold
James Davis

Jonathon Davis
Laura Dazzena
Randy Deboe, Jr.
Jordan Deckard
Regina Degener
Crystal Delgado
Artemio Delreal
Mike Delturco

Tara Demaria
Michael Demmon
Joseph Depaula
Kathleen Diamond
Elizabeth Dilts
Amanda Ditch
Amanda Dixon
Samantha Dixon

Susan Doane
Sara Domonkos
Alissa Donohue
Kathleen Dougherty
Mary Dranchak
Sherry Duffee
Elizabeth Durkin
Natasha Dusendang

Terry Easton
Jennifer Edmonds
Timothy Edmonds
Angela Eichensehr
Morgan Ekdahl
Bryan Elkins
Samantha Ellis
Skyanne Ensing

Crystal Espinosa
Anthony Evans
Elise Evans
Kassandra Evetts
Elizabeth Ewen
Kathryn Eyermann
Christine Fadel
Joseph Fadel

Megan Fannin
Joseph Faraone
Christina Farley
Sheila Farley
Valerie Farley
Jason Feigl
Alan Fengya
Dylan Fermeic





David Ferrell
Bryan Fielder
Ashley Flagg
Heather Fletter
Samuel Flick
Jennifer Fuhrman
Aaron Funke
Jason Gaboian

Alexander Gaines
Merissa Garate
Melanie Garner
Joshua Garza
Michael Gass
Kristin Geros
Ava Gibson
Christine Gilbert

Sean Glassford
Jessica Goldsmith
Jeremy Gordon
Brandon Gorgei
Kimberly Gossett
Brandi Greiner
Bryan Grubbe
Selena Guajardo

Kelly Guba
Joshua Guidarelli
Bryant Gurley
Kathryn Hajduk
Heather Hakes
Erin Hall
Sean Hall
Nicole Hanna

Alexandra Hansen
Jesse Harrell
Mark Harting
Valarie Havlin
Donald Hayworth
Carolyn Healy
Lisa Heckman
Samantha Heckman

Photo by: Candice Turner



The career mural located in the West building is an artistic rendition of the options opened to all students.

Even as a freshman, Kandi was one of the top four leading scorers for the Gymnastics team this year. She has participated

“ You don’t know what you have until it is gone. ”

and competed in her sport since she was a little girl where she took lessons at Lisa’s Gymnastics. She credits most of success to learning the fundamentals

of gymnastics from her coach Lisa. She enjoys gymnastics because of the individual challenges that the sports presents to its competitors.



Composed by: Auguste Nguyen

Photo by: Michelle Carris

Kandi Nugent Freshman

What is your most favorite toy that you still own ??????

"My football."
Nick Serrano

"My favorite toy
would have to be
a Magna Doodle.
It can serve as a
message or
drawing board"
Elizabeth Sefcik

"My Care Bears."
Patricia Green

"I still have all of my
Trails and 'My Little
Pony' things"
Heather Adduci

"My talking Alf
doll. Alf
Rules!"
Christina Wiler

Priscilla Hernandez
Andrew Herrera
Renee Hertaus
Alisha Herzog
Kelly Higgins
Blaine Hilton
Darrell Hobgood, Jr.
Robert Hodges

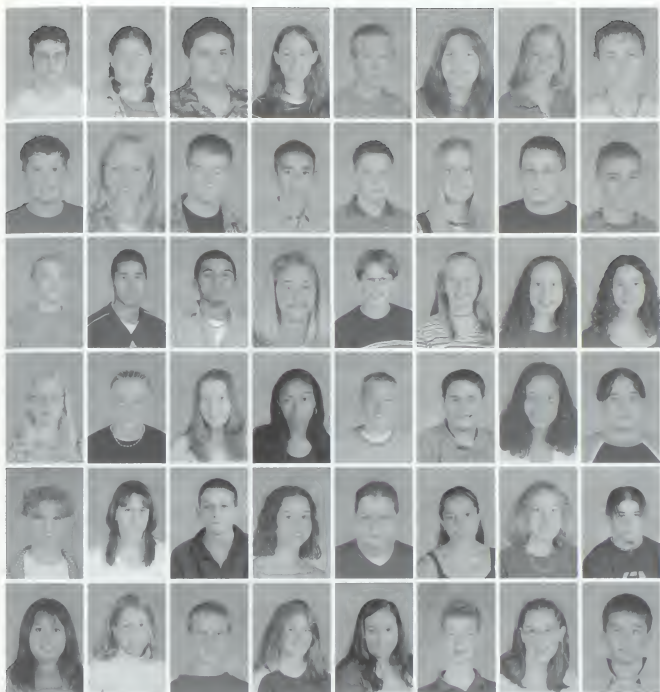
Nicole Hogue
Shirley Hollifield
Meagan Homolla
Matthew Hoover
Joseph Hopper
Julia Horn
Brandi Hoskins
Craig Houchens

Matthew Howard
John Hoy, Jr.
Phillip Hritz
Edward Hudson
Jessica Hulen
Jennifer Hunter
Nicholas Hurley
Michaelpaul Hutchins

Nicole Huttel
Timothy Hyde
Christopher Isaac
William Jacob
Tera Jaeger
Brandy Janik
Amanda Jarosak
Brock Jenkins

Krystal Jenne
Eric Johnson
Steven Johnson
Steven Jones
Michele Kaiser
Jeffrey Kalch
Geoffrey Kallimani
Bryan Keefover





Matthew Kerns
Victoria Keyser
Brandon Kirkpatrick
Jessica Kittle
Dane Klakoski
Nichole Kleckner
Briana Klimek
Jeremy Klingensmith

Michael Knickerbocker
Sheila Koatze
Stephen Kometz
Ralph Konchar II
Ryan Konopasek
Krystle Kozik
Kristopher Krabbenhoef
Terry Krajcska

Adam Krol
Daniel Laboy
Lorenzo Lacey
Bridget Ladra
Anthony Laingren
Meghan Lamping
Kara Lane
Krystal Latham

Danielle Lawrence
Hunter Lawson-Lloyd
Jacquelyn Lazar
Alisha Lazaro
Jeremy Leggett
Kyle Lerch
Sheri Levack
Michael Leyden II

William Liesch
Laura Linamen
Brandon Lindsey
Samantha Lira
Justin Livengood
Erika Lopez
Melissa Lorah
Jeffrey Love

Christine Lozano
Ashley Luellman
Brandon Luellman
Julie Luther
Kammi Luyon
Justin MacMillan
Tiffany Malenky
Sammie Maletta III

Photo by Candice Turner



Students use the West Building classrooms for traditional, as well as vocational classes. Here two students work in the Industrial Tech room.

The newly painted mural in the music hallway was a project done by the Art Club. Art Club murals have become a tradition in the West Building.



Photo: Caroline Turner

Hilary Manoski, Jr.

Andrew Marsh
Carrie Martinez
Christina Martinez
Daniel Martinez
Jade Martinez
Lynn Martinez
Sallie Martinez

Connie Marvel
Amanda Massow
Melinda Mattingly
Bryan McClaran
Michael McCorkle
Eduardo McCoy
Nicole McDonald
John McKee

Jenna Mead
Tonya Merry
Jo Meyer
Eric Michaels
Amber Miller
Walter Miller
Ryan Milligan
Nicholas Mills

Joshua Mitchell
Alexander Mokry
Christopher Mokry
Trisha Montgomery
Joseph Montoleone
Bertha Morales
Samantha Mosley
Nicholas Mucha



What is the most embarrassing thing you have done ??????

"I walked onto a bowling alley lane and fell down not knowing that it was jiggery. It was quite funny." - Heather Adduci

"I bent over in the middle of lunch and split my pants" Nick Serrano

"I fell down the stairs in 8th grade." Patricia Green

"I walked into the wrong classroom and sat down." Alan Fenga

"I ate one of those leaves that they put on your plate for decoration at restaurants" Jamie Farley



Brandi Mullen
Rosa Mungaia-Arias
David Murcek
Victoria Murray
Andria Najar
Darrin Najar
Goran Nastoski
Jason Nelson

Kristen Newcomb
Matthew Newton
Greg Nickko, Jr.
Patrick Nickos
Lisa Niloff
Kandi Nugent
Matthew O'Brien
Erin O'Reilly

Photo by: Candice Turner



Half walls in the West Building is only one of the unique challenges presented to students and teachers alike.

Ashley Oatsvall
Jeannette Olejniczek
Ashley Oliver
Justin Olson
Dawn Oresik
Justin Ortiz
Jennifer Owen
Lindsay Owen



Jamie Pachmayer
John Palmer, Jr.
Timothy Parish
Lauren Parobek
Mark Patterson
Daniel Paulsen
Kathryn Paunicka
Daniel Pedone



Garrett Pendleton
Angela Perez
Cynthia Perez
Christopher Peters
Justina Peters
Eric Peterson
Daniel Piasecki
Sarah Pieszcchala



Steven Podlecki
Eric Polewski
Josephine Pomaes
Michaline Ponda
Shelley Poznic
Ian Prance
Christina Priest
Katherine Proper



Bernard Pruim
Christopher Puckett
William Purcell
Sarah Racich
Elyse Radakovich
Brent Rains
Heather Ramian
Matthew Ramian



Priscilla Ramos
Jennifer Rance
Jacquelyn Reeves
Kristin Reisinger
Steven Richards
Ashley Richie
Danielle Ricker
Krystal Rigoni



Brian Risner
Anna Rivera
Elizabeth Robbins
Stacy Roberts
Lisa Robinson
Jeremiah Rocha
Ashley Rodriguez
Brett Rogers



Heather Romo
Yadira Rosado
Shanadora Roseberry
Tamra Rudziewicz
Dalena Ruggeri
Saisha Rumble
Jonathan Rush
Kelly Russ



Amy Ryan
Elizabeth Ryan
Margaret Sabin
Emily Safstrom
Amy Samuelson
Donald Samuelson
Christy Sandage
Joshua Sanders





Freshman need to learn a little about school spirit when they get to the high school. Here the West teachers post spirit posters in the hallway.

Photo by: Candice Turner



Allison Sanetznik
John Santiago
Stanley Sarnowski
Jennifer Satter
Allison Sattler
Erik Scheub
Kristin Schmeski
Amy Schnelle

Timothy Schumann
Tabitha Schuster
Elizabeth Sefcik
Melodie Serles
Nicholas Serrano
Charles Severs
Carley Shaffer
Charles Shannon

Anthony Shaw
Caitlyn Sheehan
Jessica Shelby
Derek Shelton
Jason Siroky
Ashley Sitko
Scott Sliger
Jacqueline Slusher

Freshman Anna Rivera has a 3.9 grade point average and is in the top 10 percent in her class. In her spare time, she collects Chicago Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa

Anna Rivera Freshman

Courtesy by: Angela Heggen

"I like working with kids because they're always happy and smiling."

memorabilia and participates in many extracurricular activities. As a freshman, she made the junior varsity Girl's

Golf and Softball teams as well as playing on her Freshman Girls Basketball team. One might think that Anna's summers are used to rest and relax from her hectic school schedule, but she also plays on a 16 and under summer softball team.



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Science teacher Mr.
Harsha sits back while
leading a discussion with
his science class.

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Amy Smith
Chad Smith
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Jennifer Sorrels
David Spacek

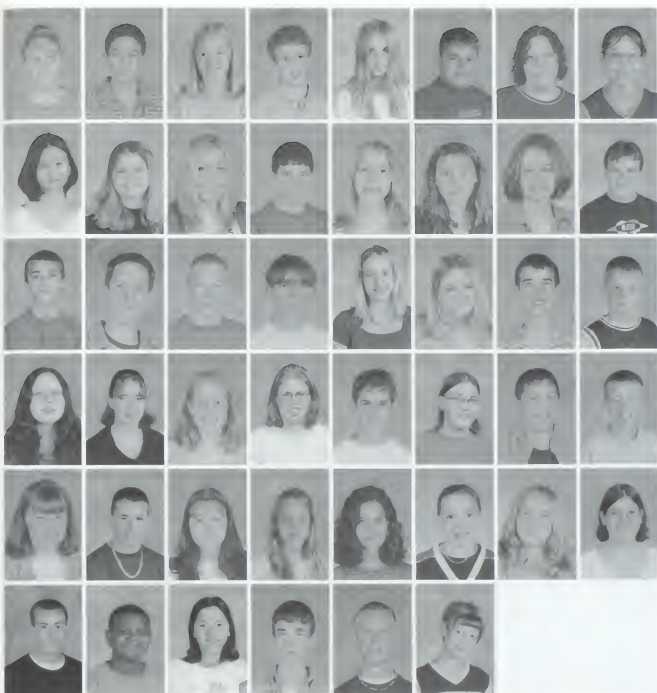
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Jacqueline Stone
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Jaclyn Swanson
Tiffany Tabisz
Brenda Talley
Miranda Tamietto
Sarai Tarpley
Arnold Taylor
Stephanie Taylor
Parker Thomas

Taylor Thorpe
Emily Todd
Jonathan Tokarski
Diana Trepanier
Vanessa Trimble
Phillip Trotter
Joel Tummond
Daniel Uhle, Jr.





Elizabeth Vale
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Karen Villacin
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Jeremy Walters
Amanda Wathern
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Alan Welsh
Justin West
Miranda West
Stefanie Wherry
Charles White
Brandon Whitmer

Nicole Wilcox
Christina Wiler
Kristin Wilk
Marissa Wilken
Adam Willfond
Chad Williams
Dustin Williams
Nicholas Williams

Lindsey Wilson
Alex Wilson Sayre
Jennifer Wilt
Kathleen Wirth
Hillary Woloshansky
Heather Wood
Michelle Wright
Delanie Yermack

Kenneth York
Bryant Young, Jr.
Beatrice Zamarron
Robert Zbikowski
Nathan Ziulkowski
Vanessa Ziulkowski



Aspirit "face-lift"
was one of the new
additions to the
West Building's this
year

Class 2003

Before performing Jacqueline Shelton has a ribbon tied in her hair by Mrs. Allen. The pom squad placed third at a competition at Valparaiso University.



Between classes,
Leigh Cotton,
Lauren Berntsen,
and Christina
Kornacki walk
together.



Lindsay Abram
Elizabeth Ailes
Richelle Alcantara
Annette Allegra
Tara Allsbury
Jennifer Ancell
John Andrews
Brett Arnold

William Arwood
Nicole Ayala
Steven Ayala
Sylviana Baccarelli
Lauren Bailey
Estelle Balunda
Steven Barlow
Carrie Barnum

Deanna Bateman
Robert Beass
Eric Berry
Dante Bily
Michael Blakely
Ron Blaney
Tara Blystone
Trent Bolin

Cale Bolinger
Thomas Boller
Ebony Bonds
James Bonta
Brandon Bowman
Christopher Boyer
Christine Brockett
Sarah Brown

Joshua Bucky
Steven Budkis
Michael Budny
Jonathon Burchuk
Michael Burdett, Jr.
Christopher Bush
Justin Butera
Crystal Butler

Crystal Butler
Matthew Caldwell
David Camery
Craig Candiano
Michelle Carns
Kimberly Carpenter
Christopher Casson
Nicole Caudill





Anthony Cauley
Alexis Chaddock
Jordan Chaddock
Aaron Chaja
Lindsey Chamberlain
Kristina Childress
Michelle Cirincione
Aaron Clark

Adam Clough
Jason Clowers
Sarah Cohen
Jessica Cole
Richard Collins, Jr.
Ryan Colville
Scott Colville
Valerie Comerford

Julietta Concepcion
Michelle Conn
Ingrid Conover
Elizabeth Cooper
Jena Cooros
Derek Costa
Leigh Cotton
Michelle Couture

Elizabeth Creech
Alfred Cruz, Jr.
Ashley Cunningham
Shannah Curran
Heather Cuttill
Claire Daniel
Katie Danskin
Ashley Davich

Cherish Davis
Patricia De Bord
Tonya Dearing
Kristina Dehnart
Jessica Delgado
Jennifer Dennison
Tina Devault
Amanda Diaz

Richard Diaz, Jr.
Amy Dobrowski
Joseph Duarte
Brittany Dudek
Kerry Duffee
Kristina Edelen
Amber Edmonds
Nicole Elea

If you could go anywhere in the world,
where would you go and why?

"I would go to the woods in
Canada with total peace."
-Jacob Fleck

"I would travel around the
world because there's so
much to see."

"I would go to an exotic island
with beautiful blue water,
because it is peaceful."

Nicole Elea

"I would go somewhere
with poor children and
help as much as I could."
Jennifer Ancell

Elizabeth Cooper

"Space, being weightless would be
cool."

Christopher Nunley

Tesa Emmart
Amy Engel
Crystal Eriks
Stephanie Erwin
Amber Escott
Diana Espinoza
Ronald Essany
Christina Farmer

Tabitha Ferguson
Nicole Fernandez
Steven Fiala
Christopher Figueroa
David Fisher
Lindsey Fishero
Joanna Fitzgerald
Shannon Flanagan

Nichole Platt
Jacob Fleck
Mark Fleming, Jr.
Melissa Fontanez
Annie Foster
Angela Fozkos
James Fraley, Jr.
Rachel Freeman

Fredrick Fuhrman
Mitchell Gale
Erik Garcia
Nicole Garcia
Susana Garibay
Adam Garner
Tiffany Garner
Scott Garwood II

Angela Garza
Carlos Garza, Jr.
Michael Gesmond
Nicholas Giangulio
Lindsey Gibson
Michael Girouard
Trever Goble
Brian Golarz



Stressed Out

Everyday students deal with stress. Families, relationships, work and classes can prove to be constant sources

of stress. Elizabeth Cooper said, "Coming to school everyday makes me stressed because there's always

some kind of drama." The drama that is part of everyday life causes stress for most people. How people deal with their stress varies from person to person. Some listen to music while other people play

sports. Jessica Fitzgerald had a different approach. "I write all my problems down on a piece of paper and

then burn the paper," Fitzgerald said. While Fitzgerald writes down her problems, Annette Allegra is

counting. Allegra said, "I count to ten very slowly." Since the stress in the lives of students is not going to disappear, students have to keep finding different ways to deal with and manage everyday stress.

Students deal with stress

Story By: Stephanie Lofland

What is your favorite quote?

"Fate only takes you so far, but you have to do the rest."
Deanna Bateman

"What goes around, comes around."
Christine Michnik

"You only live once."
Jonathan Rivera

"No guy is worth your tears, and the one that is will never make you cry."
Jessica Heckman

"If you come to school with a positive attitude you will have a positive day."
Lisa Tanner

Jenifer Gomez
Francesca Gonzalez
Luis Gonzalez, Jr.
Renee Grant
Amanda Green
Daniel Greenwell
Sophia Guardiola
Jacob Guzman

Renoldo Guzman
Eric Hajduk
Sheena Hale
Nicholas Hamann
Patricia Hammond
Suzanna Harman
Justin Harrison
Bridgett Harshman

Ashley Hart
Lindsey Harth
Adam Hasiak
Cynthia Hassett
Robert Hawkins
Robert Heart
Jessica Heckman
Daniel Hendon

Alexis Hernandez
Stefani Hesseltine
Donna Hickman
Matthew Higgins
Matthew Hinton
Gloria Hogg
Kelly Holbrook
Dawn Hood

Morgan Hubbard
Justin Huff
Anthony Jacobs
Thomas Jamerson II
Biljana Jasnic
Jason Jedlikowski
Jessica Jenkins
Erika Johnson

With Coach Daniel "Bo" Koishal watching, Julianne Repay completes her routine on the beam. Repay placed tenth in the state on the beam out of 44 contestants.



Tom Misch first learned how to juggle seven years ago when his father showed him how.

Through practice Misch gained juggling skills. He can now

Thomas Misch Sophomore

"My dad showed me how to juggle and I could see the patterns of the balls in the air."

juggle up to five balls, bounce balls, rings, clubs, torches, knives, scarves and bowling balls. Misch juggles at birthday parties, nursing homes, block parties, and

other festivities through his own business, The Juggling Fanatic. "I hope to make it a part-time job, if not full-time," Misch said. Misch hopes to keep juggling although he plans to be an engineer.



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Melissa Jones
Kelly Jongsma
Lisa Jordan
Michael Jordan
Michelle Juszcak
Michael Kane, Jr.
Nicholas Kanich
Xpiso Karakozis

Joshua Kellams
Amanda Kelley
Glenn King, Jr.
David Kiskzan
Mark Kitchen
Frank Knez III
Zachary Knutsen
Christina Kornacki

Elizabeth Koziel
Michelle Krueger
Bonnie Kuss
Tristan Lajcin
Rachel Lake
Misty Lapine
Jacob Lawrence
Nicholas Lawrence

William Lawrence
Jessica Lazar
Cornie Lee
Philip Leyba
Tanya Liebig
Joshua Lloyd
Deanna Loeffler
Anthony Lombardi

Jessica Lopez
Maria Lozano
Meghann Lubeck
Melissa Lucas
Jack Lundy
Steven Maddox
Ryan Maffitt
Jessica Maisonneuve



Andrew Maletta
 Aaron Marcadis
 Matthew Martinez
 Jarrett McBride
 Jessica McBride
 Justin McBride
 Leon McCall II
 Shannon McClelland

Sean McGhie
 Megan McGlothlen
 Aaron McGuffey
 Terry McGuire
 Jennifer McIntyre
 Tammy McManey
 Jessica McWaters
 Ryan Meade

Jesse Meador
 Victoria Melton
 Douglas Menclawicz
 D. Mensinger
 Diana Meyers
 Christine Michnik
 Ian Mikenas
 Robert Miller III

Thomas Misch
 Samantha Mitchell
 Tessly Mitchell
 Angela Mitrison
 Kimberly Momola
 Jacob Monhaut
 Cory Monnier
 Stacy Monnier

Danielle Moore
 Samantha Moore
 Olivia Morales
 Seth Mowbray
 Chad Mueller
 Carol Mullins
 Stephanie Murphy
 Abigail Najar

Todor Nastoski
 Tu Nguyen
 Tisha Niloff
 Heather Norris
 Christopher Nunley
 Melissa Olsch
 Anthony Ortiz
 Jefferey Ostapchuk

Diane Otoo
 Maureen Pall
 Katie Palmateer
 Tamara Paniagua
 Ryan Panozzo
 Laura Pawlick
 Samantha Payne
 Bethany Pecher

Nichole Peek
 Deanna Perez
 Edward Perez
 Jessica Perez
 Amber Pickering
 Heather Popielewski
 Thomas Potts
 Vincent Privett

Daniel Pryle
 Mark Przekwas
 Raymond Przybysz III
 Heather Radtke
 Kristina Ragnone
 Sabrina Rainwater
 George Ramirez
 Jeffrey Ramirez

Eric Raskopf
Julianne Repay
Kevin Rey
Elizabeth Richards
Kristina Richards
Alicia Richmond
Blake Riley
Carly Ristic

Amber Ritchie
Noah Ritchie
Jonathan Rivera
Anthony Robbins
Joshua Rocha
Christopher Rodriguez
Kristina Rodriguez
Christopher Rogers

Julia Rogers
Rachel Romo
Robert Rossi IV
Shane Rowton
Victor Rubalcava
Rachel Russ
Donielle Russell
Nicholas Salazar

Holly Sansone
Wendy Sarkkinen
Richard Schmitt
Julie Schmitz
Mark Schubert
Ryan Schultz
Cassie Schulz
Lee Schulz, Jr.

Amanda Schumacher
Ashley Seibal
Jeremy Selvage
Jacqueline Shelton
Shawn Sherrick
Anthony Shields
Brock Shipley
Dyana Silva

Holly Simcox
Cuyler Simmons
Christopher Sisk
William Smedley II
Daniel Smeltzer
Eric Smith
Eric Smith
James Smith



Who is your hero and why?

"Mighty Mouse, because he is so little and he can stand up to big bad guys and win."
Ryan Wring

"Eddie Perez and Walter Payton, because they died of cancer and showed me what it means to fight."

"Nadia Comaneci because she is an awesome gymnast and she's more modest than any other Olympian."
Julianne Repay

"My grandpa because he is funny and caring."
Crystal Eriks

"My mom, because she shows me how important life is."
Tiffany Garner



Sarah Smith
Toni Smith
Kyle Sonaty
Jessica Sosa
Melany Soto
Holly Specht
Lee Stannis
Victoria Stanford

Elizabeth Stanish
James Stanley
Joshua Staples
Sarah Stoehr
Nathan Stokes
Morgan Stout
Brittney Suleski
Candace Swanson

Kyle Sweeney
Alexander Szmuto
Tabatha Tachik
Lisa Tanner
Glenn Taylor
Kyle Telechan
Kenneth Tharp
Timothy Timpe

Bryan Tinsley
Lisa Tometzak
Rita Trevino
Paula Truth
Nancy Turpin
Ryan Twilla
Bradford Tyskiewicz
Matthew Urquidi

Victoria Velez
Jacob Villa
Christopher Vincent
Jamie Vincent
Kevin Wall
Meghan Wallace
Caitlin Walstra
Nicole Walters

Christine Wampler
Joshua Wargo
Andrew Warren
Lynda Watson
Angela Wayne
Brian Weiland
Ryan West
Brian Westerkamp

Gregory Westerkamp
Maryann Whelchel
Crystal White
Stefanie White
Tiphany Wiederhold
Kristine Wilkie
Danielle Wilson
Alice Wozniak

Melissa Wright
Ryan Wring
Rebecca Wyatt
Mark Yaksic
Joshua Yasko
Eric York
Gina York
Kristen Zaper

Jonathon Ziulkowski
Lyndsay Zorick
Alison Zuidervliet

Class 2002

The long and laborious walk from the east building to the west building is quite exhaustive for junior Bradley Stevenson. Stevenson takes a nap during the Channel One News broadcast.



As any high school student knows, bookbags make great pillows. Just ask junior Christopher Aimutis.



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April Adduci
Christopher Aimutis
Ashley Akers
Lori Alice
Kristen Allen
Kristen Alvarado
Rebecca Anders
Ikenna Anderson

Amber Andrews
Stephanie Anguiano
Kristi Arcuri
Amanda Austin
Michelle Ayala
Ryan Ayres
Melanie Badovinac
Kimberly Bailey

Angela Bajer
Daniel Baker
David Baker
Sarah Balding
Vahonna Baldwin
Stephanie Balunda
Angela Banzen
Christina Bardsley

Amanda Barrientes
Chad Bartley
Derrick Bass
Heather Bauer
Jessica Baugh
Candace Beck
Amy Becker
Jay Beckham, Jr.

Jennifer Belleville
Andrew Bennett
Joanna Benson
Melaïne Benz
Ryan Bergner
Jessica Berlin
Nicole Bibby
Steven Blastick

Brandon Borders
Ginny Bornheim
Christopher Bowman
Ann Brajcki
Briana Braun
Marcus Bravo
Elizabeth Brown
Janna Brown



PHS



Sonya Brubaker
Nathan Bryan
Nicole Buchmeier
Scott Buhman
Dennis Burton
Jeffrey Burton
Elizabeth Caldwell
David Callahan

Ryan Campbell
Sarah Canner
Christina Cantrell
Dorothy Cantu
Amber Cardenas
Daniel Carter
Ryan Carter
Femke Casteleijn

Crystal Cavanaugh
Jaclynn Chagoya
Lisa Chapman
Sheung Cheng
Kristen Childers
Stephanie Chitwood
Elizabeth Cicchetto
Steven Cimbaljevich

Kenneth Clark
Kevin Clark
Glenn Cliver
Jessica Cliver
Michelle Coates
Donald Coats
George Cochran
Joshua Cody

Misty Cole
Elizabeth Collins
Melissa Collins
Heather Coombs
Brandon Coran
Kristy Corey
Jonathan Cotton
Samantha Cottrell

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Christina Vega



The vault was one of the four areas studied in Beginning Gymnastics. Sarah Hammond attempts to perform a straddle jump on the vault.

Softball has been a big part of Tracie's life for the past three years, and the sport's role in her life is not diminishing anytime soon. Tracie is next year's captain of one of the

Tracie Korbar Junior

"I am different from other girls. I am more like a tomboy. I'm kind of plain."

most notorious and dominating softball teams in the state. She once got stuck in Hurricane Erin while playing in a softball tournament. Her

biggest inspirations are Lisa Fernandez, a professional softball player and her mother, who she says is her best friend. She enjoys writing poems in class and spending time with Matt.



Mark Crague
Jason Creason
Kayla Creelius
Anthony Crist
Nicole Criswell
Timothy Cuttill
Christopher Daniel
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Karen Darnell
Joshua Davich
Stephanie Davis
Paul Davy
Nicole Dearing
Melissa Deavers
Daniel DeHaven II
Catherine DeLeon

Roberto Delgado
Robert Demitroulas
Stefanie Denny
David Dienes II
Sara Dieringer
Nick Divich
Kenneth Doan
Michael Doane

David Dominguez
Francis Dranchak
Jaime Dudzik
Heather Dunn
Christopher Durkin
Shawn Durr
Jonathon Ebling
Kris Eckelbarger

Craig Edmonds
Dean Efantis
Sara Egendoerfer
Krystal Eldridge
Shannon Ellenson
Adam Erickson
Christopher Erickson
Russell Erickson



For junior soccer player
Stephanie Balunda,
keeping her eye on the ball
is a way of life. Balunda
has been the varsity goalie
for three years.



Heather Nelson
concentrates on applying
an even application to the
creation she engineered in
one of her art classes. Art
is a great way to let out
the creative energies

What is the first thing you think of when you wake up?

Whether or not I am
going to see my
girlfriend.
-Brian Bowman

My alarm clock
must be broken.
It is not 6:30 yet.
-Michael
Jurgenson

When will the
weekend come?
-Brittany Gurley

I hope that it will be
a good day. It never
ends up that way
-Vahanna Baldwin

I think of Kristin,
my ex-girlfriend
and how much I
miss her.
-Christopher
Durkin

In order to overtake his 171
pound Hobart opponent,
junior wrestler Anthony
Crist must remain
mentally sharp and
physically quick.



Michael Eriks
Christopher Espinoza
Melissa Evans
Christopher Fabian
Jennifer Fadely
Sara Fazekas
Shaina Fink
Nicole Flannery

Wesley Fleck
Tammy Flowers
Daniel Ford
Michael Forgas
Ricky Frasure, Jr.
Chad Fredericks
Kelly Fulkerson
David Gapinski

Juan Garcia
Brent Gardner
James Gardner
John Gardner
Emily Garnett
Tanja Gazibara
Lindsay Gear
Sarah Geary

Janna Gerles
Jennifer Gettemy
Kara Gibson
David Gilbert
Danielle Gingerich
Courtney Goelz
Christopher Gomez
Brooks Gorden

Frederick Goss
William Gramhofer
Holly Granzow
Olivia Grashel
Candice Grau
Susan Grauf
Julie Green
Karen Green

As a part of her beam routine, junior gymnast Angela Sabocik prepares for a jump series. Gymnasts were sure to look at the end of the beam during this skill.

Cross runners Danielle Gingerich and Michelle Lute pump it up in the weight room. Both girls worked out to increase their performance potential. They labored in efforts to achieve bodies of steel.



He was nominated Outstanding Student for his patient and compassionate work as an LRE peer tutor. Mr. Prellwitz nominated Dan based

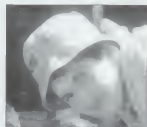
Daniel Shattuck Junior

“Do I have to give you a quote for the yearbook? Can't you just make one up?”

on his responsibility and maturity demonstrated toward the students he tutored.

Beyond his work with LRE students, Dan is a reporter

for the Pow Wow newspaper staff and is the lead vocalist in the punk band Whiplash. He also enjoys performing tricks on his skateboard and has a part-time job at the Portage 9 Cineplex.



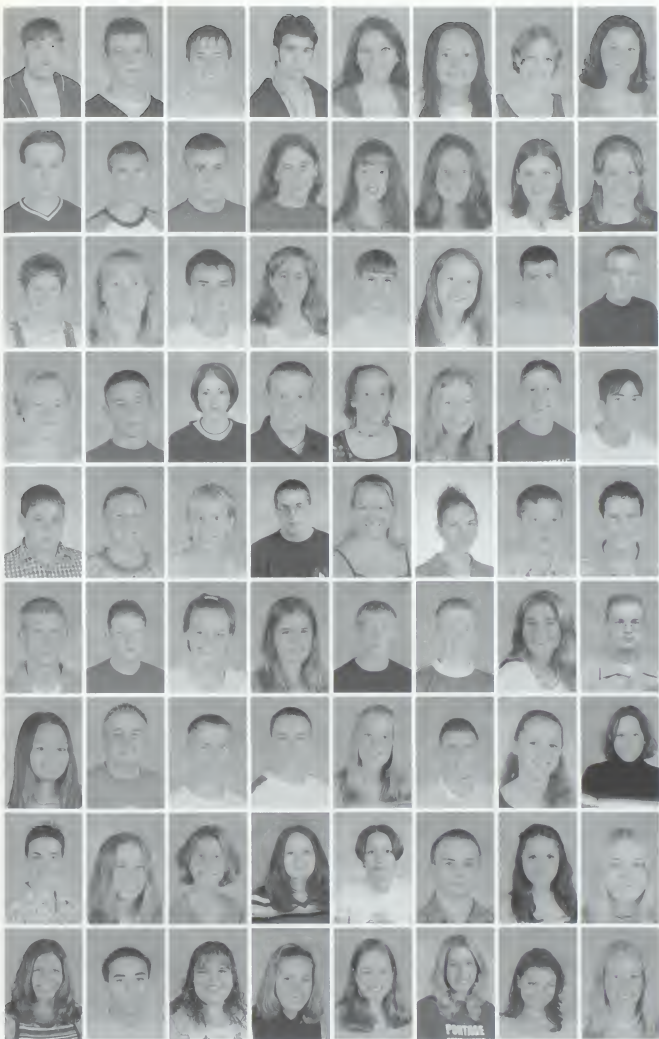
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Gretchen Hargarten
Brandy Hart
Sean Hassett
Daniel Hatten



Composed by Anthony Hoffmann

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Daniel Hedger
Steven Helpingstine
Ryan Henry
Kerry Hernandez
Rosalia Hernandez
Stephanie Hernandez
Laura Hodges
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Aron Hollandsworth
Rex Hood
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Deanna Hounshell
Amanda Hritz
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Amber Hulse
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Jessica Hutchings
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Christina Hyde
Jason James
Ashley Jandura
Mark Javorka
Ryan Jenkins

Ashley Jeremiah
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Robert Kamiel
Kristofer Karagory
Christine Keaton
Jason Kegley
Nicole Keith
Melissa Kelley
Patrick Kennedy
Andrew Kerezman

Kyle Ketchum
Justin Kinder
Jessica Kirk
Julie Knight
Jason Komenda
Henry Kopanski
Tracie Korbar
Jonathan Kozik

Nina Krass
Nathan Krenkel
Bryan Krieg
Richard Krieg
Stephanie Krostag
Curtis Ksenak
Amber Langman
Sarah Larkin

Aaron Lasky
Margeaux Lawson-Lloyd
Randi Leggett
Carly Lenson
Isha Leon
Mathew Leonard
Katie Lerch
Angela Lewandowski

Stephanie Lewandowski
Ryan Liebig
Sara Lindsay
Kathryn Lindstrom
Amanda Little
Allison Lowe
Shelbie Luna
Michelle Lute

The student council state convention in Evansville greatly educated juniors Elizabeth Collins and Jeffrey Jones in how to become a better student leader through workshops.

Technique as well as physical strength are essential components in a successful shotput throw. Junior tracker Justin Powell prepares to execute his first throw.



Corey Mace
Alicia MacMillan
Richard Maddox
Sara Mak
Kristina Manning
Melissa Mateo
Tristan Mathews
Charlie Mathewson



Jennifer May
Alison Mayfield
Katherine Mc Murry
Jennifer McClelland
Joseph McClelland
Lisa McNeiley
Jason Medina
Nicholas Merknar



Aliceson Middleborn
Christina Mihalek
Michelle Mihalik
Andrew Mills
Anthony Monacy
Katherine Monti
Melanie Morales
Harold Morgan, Jr.



Michelle Mosca
Bryan Mose
Megan Mulherin
Joseph Mullin, Jr.
Brian Nagler
Allan Nagy
Russ Natalie, Jr.
Russell Naumenko



Heather Nelson
Heather Nelson
Karl Nelson
Mandy Nelson
Frank Nimeth
Luke Nixon
Jaime Nolan
Chad Norris



Jennifer Novotny
Lindsay O'Rourke
Nicole O. Connor
Anna Ogden
Stephanie Olson
Mark Oresik, Jr.
Evelyn Otero
Michael Otto





Lisa Owen
Jamieson Owens
Jonathan Palmer
Lia Palmer
Christopher Papachronis
Kylene Parobek
Adam Paskevich
Jessica Patten

Alexandria Perez
Jessica Perez
Anna Perry
Christina Peyton
Bradley Piasecki
Jeanette Piehl
Ashley Plummer
Shawn Polewski

Rebecca Pollachek
Crystal Potts
Orlando Powell
Corrine Powers
Nicoletta Prassas
Bradley Proper
Daniel Pugh
Christopher Ragon

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Orchestra class was not always about the music. Juniors Jesse Shelby and Matthew Vanderplueg laugh as they collaborate to complete a worksheet.

Once the snow starts falling, everyone knows to watch their back as they head to their cars at the end of the school day. Many people are forced to look out for students like junior Brian Bowles.

3 down: 1 to go

As the end of their junior year came to a close, many of the class of '02 were met with anxious anticipation when they realized that only one more year remained for them here at PHS. Shadows of themselves as freshman quickly fled as they prepared to take on their prospective roles of almighty seniors. For some, the past three years seemed to pass by very rapidly. Consequently, many juniors unknowingly pursued their roles as high school students with little thought to the precious time that was being expended. It was not long before they glanced around the playing field and realized they had only one more chance at bat. Some students had second thoughts about their position as the reigning class of the student body. However, other juniors were eager to step on the pedestal of seniorhood that would grant unquestionable respect and even admiration from the remaining underclassmen.

Jarrett Ragon
 Kristal Ragon
 Nicole Ragon
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 Jennifer Rak
 Billie Ramirez
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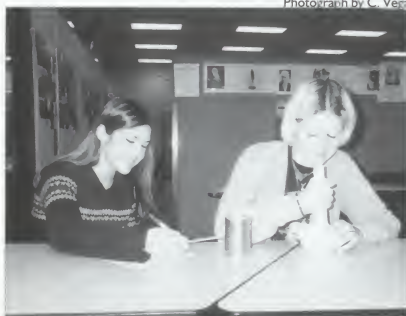
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 James Rush
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 Angela Sabocik
 Carlos Sanchez
 Christina Sanchez

Jessica Santiago
 Amanda Satter
 Jennifer Saxinger
 Bryan Scheub
 Cheryl Schmeski
 Aaron Schnarr
 Adam Schumacher
 Leah Selby



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Many laboratory experiments were done in Earth Science class. Brittany Gurley and Cassandra Rhodes test condensation temperatures.



As Michelle Mihalik knows, organization is a huge time-saver. It makes filing more structured.



Nicole Serratto
Lorelei Shannon
Daniel Shattuck
Jake Shear
Jesse Shelby
Samantha Shepard
Joshua Sherrick
Valerie Smetzer

Jared Smith
Kellie Smith
Jamie Snow
Kelly Snow
Lydia Soto
Theresa Soto
Eric Spurr
Bryan Standerski

Shandra Stanfield
Shauna Sterling
Bradley Stevenson
Brian Stock
Michael Supp
Crystal Swanson
Marcus Swanson
Douglas Tallant

Cassandra Thomas
Jonathan Thomas
Sunshine Thomas
Tina Thomason
Patrick Thurber
Holly Tomak
David Trafny
Michael Trapper

Daniel Trepanier
Gilberto Trevino
Esther Tugurian
Candice Turner
Tiana Tuttle
Nathan Uldricks
Michael Urbanik
Brad Vah

Jessica Vandergriff
Matthew Vanderploeg
Carla Vargas
Matthew Vaughan
Christina Vega
Adam Velazquez
Patricia Volk
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Jillian Wallace
Stephanie Watts
April Webb
Nicholas Weimer
Samantha Weinman
Kasey Whalen
Andrew Wheeler
Tiffany Whitaker

Cory Whitten
Joleen Wiatrowski
Sarah Wilkins
Jeremy Williams
William Wireman
Nicole Wise
Justin Wood
Brent Wright

Robert Wring
Jill Young
Andrew Zeha
Richard Zinkewitz
Donald Zygowicz

Class 2001



Homecoming week provides an opportunity for each class to create a float for the annual parade. This year, as with many years, the senior's float won the float building contest.



The last day of school, seniors Erin Sheehan and Melissa Evanatz chat. The last day sometimes is a time for catching up and for goodbyes.

Nicole Abbott
Erin Ables

RHS 10,11,12; Cheer Club 11,12; Jazz Band 1 10,11,12; Junior
Mix NHS 11,12; Symphonic Orchestra 9; Softball 9,10;
Super Bowl 9,10; Decathlon 9,10; Knowledge Bowl 9,10;

Caryn Adair
James Alexander

Student Council 10,11,12-President; Symphonic Orchestra
10,11,12; Musical 10,11,12; Jazz Band 1 12; Fall Play 10,12; DM

Steven Allen

Tiffanee Alumbaugh

Symphonic Orchestra 11,12; Concert Orchestra 9,10

Amanda Armenta

Cheerleading 9,10,11; Peer Tutors 10,12

Kelly Armour

NHS 12; Athletic Trainers 11,12; Speech Club 9,10

Stephen Arvidson

Matthew Ashford

Amanda Autrey

Track 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 9;

Peer Tutors 9,10,11

Christina Bailey

Heather Bailey

Junior Mix; Peer Tutor 10

Timothy Bailey

Cynthia Baker

Richard Barajas

Annette Bartok

Stephanie Bartz

NHS 12

Brian Beach

Basketball 9,10,11,12; HOSA 11; Natural History 12

Jennifer Bedolla





Monica Bedroya

Spanish Club 11/12; President: Chess Club 11; Student Council 12; SADD STOP 9; FLHS 10,11/12; NHS 11/12

Musical 12

Jerry Beeson

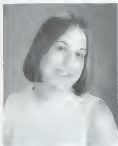
Connie Behling

Legend 11/11/12; FLHS 10,11/12

Lauren Benson

Jeffrey Bernstein

Track 11/12; Tennis 9/12



Jennifer Biller

Eric Bohl II

Derek Boksa

Marie Boller

Concert Orchestra 10,11/12; JROTC 9,10,11/12; SADD STOP 10,11/12; Chamber Orchestra 9

Peter Borcz



Toni Bordelon

Michael Boyl

Anthony Bradshaw

Jason Michael Bristow

Natural Helpers 11/12; Basketball Manager 12; Concert Choir 11/12; Legend 11; HOSA 12

Karl Brown



Laura Burch

Tennis 11/12; Student Council 10,11/12; Junior Miss; Prom Committee 11

Jennifer Caldwell

Volleyball Manager 9,10,11/12

Jonathan Caldwell

Laura Carpenter

Maureen Cary

HOSA 11/12; Natural Helpers 11/12; VHS 11/12; Prom Committee 11

Who is the most influential friend in your life and why

"Dennis Trafny, he has taught me that playing pogs really is for cool guys."

-Aaron Flores

"Rachel Fisher because she has helped me with so much and has been so nice."

-Renee Kaiser

"Tiffany Whitaker, we always lean on one another for help."

Jeanette Sanchez

"My girlfriend, because everyday, no matter how bad I feel, seeing her makes it better."

-Matthew Scheuer

"My friend Scott whom I have known since age 5, who was always there to help me out."

Stephen Arvidson

Randy Castor
Matthew Cates
Kellie Chalfant
Robert Charbonneau

Track 9,10,11,12; Cross Country 9,10,11,12; DM

Christina Chase

Homecoming Court 12; Prom Court 11; Softball
9,10,11,12; FLHS 10; WOSA 11; Basketball 9; VHS 11

Tiffany Chayhitz
Nicholas Christian
Stephanie Christopher

HOSA 11,12; JROTC 9

Gregory Ciesielski

Student Council 9,10,11,12; NHS 12; DM; Symphonic
Band 10

Brandon Clough

Jillian Cloyd
Jacob Cohen

Wrestling 9,10,11,12; Football 9,10; Intermural Softball
9; Homecoming Court 10; Musical 11,12; DM

Carrie Coleman

Golf 9; Intermural Bowling 10,12; Jazz Band 1,10; Loh

Band 9,10; Concert Band 12; Marching Band

9,10,11,12; Pep Band 9,10,11,12

Brandon Collins

Ivan Colon

Matthew Cook

Megan Cormican

Loh Band 9,10; Concert Band 11,12

Christal Couture

Matthew Crawford

Grant Crizer



On the senior's last day, a group of friends gather in the gymnastics room during first block. The students were part of the school's dance class.

Elizabeth Enrico is being recognized for her passion of the violin. She has been playing the violin for 7 years. Enrico confessed that her hobby is

Elizabeth Enrico Senior

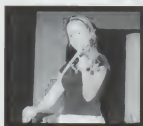
"The violin cost around \$750."

quite

expensive. "The violin cost around \$750 and the bow ran

about \$300." Aside from playing the violin, Enrico also gives music lessons, mainly to middle school students. This year she was a key role in the musical "Fiddler On the Roof". Enrico was given the role of the fiddler.

Other activities that she has participated in during high school are Junior Miss (a semi-finalist), Natural Helpers, and the fall play "ER".



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Kirsten Crouch
Sara Elizabeth Crowley
 Chorales 9,10,11,12; Symphonic Choir 10,11,12; Fall Play 12; Musical 10,11,12; Natural Helpers 11,12; Thespians 10,11,12; Peer Tutors 10,11; FLHS 11,12; NHS 11
Stacie Culp
 Legend 10,11,12; Co-Editor; Natural Helpers 12; Ski Club 12; Quilt & Sew 11,12; French Club 9,10
Jacob Cunningham
James Cyprin

Julie Damon
 JR/OTC 10,11; Concert Choir 12; Peer Tutor 12
Erica Davis
Lee Davis
Jaclyn DeBord
 Swimming 9,10,11,12; Track 9,10,12; Student Council 12; NHS 12; Homecoming Court 12; Volleyball 9
Jillian Deiph

Benjamin Dilts
Lauren Dimitri
Brian Dixon
 Football 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11,12; Baseball 9,10,11,12
Lucas Dudley
 Wrestling 9,10; Peer Tutor 9; OIM
Michelle Eaton

Amanda Elkins
 SADD STOP 12; Concert Choir 10; Girls Glee 11; Symphonic Choir 12
Heather Elkins
Ryan Embry
Elizabeth Enrico
 Symphonic Orchestra 9,10,11,12; Natural Helpers 11,12; Fall Play 12; FLHS 10,11,12; Chess Club 12; Legend 10; Junior Miss
Thomas Erickson

Melissa Evanatz
Lynn A. Ewen
 Tennis 11,12; Basketball 9,10; Natural Helpers 12;
 Legend 12
Melissa Fabien
Jacob Fadelly
Nathan Farley

Shilah Fields
Rachel Fisher
Aaron Flores
 Track 9,10,11; Fall Play 12; Musical 11,12; Student Council 12; Symphonic Band 10; OIM; Latin Club 9; Concert Band 10
Lisette Fontanez
 Legend 11,12; Saga 11,12; Swimming 9; Spanish Club 9,10; Multicultural Club 9; Pals 9,10,11,12
Yasmin Fontanez

Blake Foyteck
Daniel Furgey
Joshua Gamble
 Swimming 10
Aaron Garza
Michelle Gass
 Volleyball 9,10; Swimming 10; Multicultural Club

Frances Gibson
Kelly Gibson

Legend 11

Ryan Graves

Wrestling 9

Robert Gray

Intermural Volleyball 9,10,11,12; Unified Basketball 11,12

Legend 12: NHS 12

Michael Grochowaki

Latin Club 12; Concert Orchestra 11,12; Chamber Strings 9,10

Philip Guerre

Soccer 9,10,11,12; Track 9,10,11; Student Council 12; NHS 4;

OWM; Lab Band 1 9; Pep Band 9

Jillynn Guth

Cross Country 9,10,11,12; Swimming 9,10,11,12; Track 9,10,11,12;

Junior Miss; Natural Helpers 12

Peter Guzzo

Meghan Hagerty

Sarah Halfman



Ruth Hall

Legend 10,11; Art Club 10,11,12; Swimming 9

Justin Hampton

Intermural Bowling 9,12; Symphonic Band 11,12; Lab Band 1

9,10; Pep Band 9; Bowling 11; Symphonic Orchestra 11,12

Lauren Hansen

Basketball 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 9,10,11,12; NHS 12; Student

Council 11,12; RLHS 10,11,12

Sally Hansen

Kristopher Hardaway



Kimberly Harden

Saga 12; Speech 12; Writer's Block 11; SADD STOP 11

Christopher Harnung

BPA 11,12; Girls Swimming Manager 11

Matthew Harris

NHS 12; RLHS 10; Symphonic Band 10; Concert Band 9;

Concert Orchestra 9; Student Court 11,12; Latin Club

9,10,11,12; Chess Club 12

Tiffany Harris

Amanda Hart



Derrek Harvey

Triana Hasselgren

Symphonic Chor 12; Lab Band 1 9; Girls' Glee 9,10,11;

Marching Band 9

James Hazzard

Michelle Henk

Dennis Herndon



Michelle Hicks

Adam Higgins

Baseball 9,10,11,12; Symphonic Orchestra 10,11; Fall Play 12;

Natural Helpers 12; NHS 12

Colin Highlands

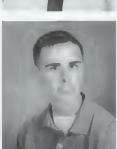
Tennis 9,10; Basketball 9; Golf 9,10

Patrick Highlands

Tennis 9,10,11,12; NHS 12; OWM; Golf 9,10,11; Basketball 9

Anthony Holeman

Pow Wow 10,11,12; Legend 12; Natural Helpers 11



Joseph Hood

Brad Hullsiek

Kristin Hutchins

Symphonic Band 12; Lab Band 1 9; Concert Band 12;

Marching Band 12

Sanee Ibrahim

Back 9,10; Cross Country 9,10,11; Student Council 10,11,12;

NHS 11,12; Homecoming Court 11,12; Prom Court 11

Jamie Irvin

HOSA 11; Symphonic Band 10,11; Lab Band 11 9



What is some advice you would like to leave for the younger kids?

Do not get a job because
your high school career is
supposed to be fun.
Tristan Smith

Don't act bigger
than you really are
and think about
what you do before
you do it.
Patrick Jordan

Always think before you
act!
Victoria Perez

Lift weights, get chicks.
Matthew Cates

Study more, ask
questions, stay
off the streets.
Be good and
honest.
Angela Shields



Christopher Iwan
John James
Sadia Javed

Student Council 9,10,11,12; NHS 11,12; FLHS 11; Chinese Club 11,12; Peer Tutors 11; Multicultural Club 9,10; Student Court 9

Kyle Jenkins
Jacqueline Johnson



Julie Johnson
Jessica Jones
Kevin Jones
Maureen Jordan

JROTC 9,10,11,12
Patrick Jordan
Lab Band 9; Concert Band 10,11,12; Pep Band 9,10



Renee Kaiser
Jennifer Kaminski
Golf 10,11,12; Tennis 9,10,11,12; NHS 11,12; Natural Helpers 11;
Spanish Club 12; Ski Club 12; Chinese Club 11,12
Steven Keilman
Soccer 10; JROTC 9,10
Sandra Kennedy
David Klimczyk



Scott Knutsen
Track 9,10; Basketball 9; Soccer 10,11,12; NHS 12; VHS 11,12
Joseph Kobylinski
Intermental Bowling 9,10,11,12; Tech Club 12
Kari Kopko
Swimming 9,10,11,12; NHS 11,12; Student Court 11,12; Chinese Club 10,11,12; FLHS 11,12; Tennis 9,10; Latin Club 9,10,11,12
Mark Korba
Basketball 9,10,11,12; Soccer 9,10,11,12; Natural Helpers 11;
NHS 12; Football 9
Aaron Kowalski

Decade day provides
students time to dress up
in their favorite decade.
Here seniors Jaclyn
DeBord and Saneer Ibrahim
show off their outfits.



What is your most memorable high school experience?

When my softball team
beat all odds last year
and won state.
Jamie Sutton

The pep rally
earlier this year,
the senior girls
had a blast.
Christal Couture

Being expelled for 18
weeks and still be able
to graduate.
Ed Roseberry

Natural Helpers.
definitely. It changed
the way I look at a
lot of people.
Cassandra Mann

When my band
got together.
Ian Low

Sara Krejci

Track Manager 9,10,11,12

Stephanie Kuehl

JROTC 9,10,11,12; Cheerleading 9; Peer Tutor 9

Stephanie Labno

Juliana Lach

Swimming 9,10; Concert Orchestra 9; Pals 9,10,11,12

Crystal Leismer

Saga 11,12; Concert Orchestra 9

Kristen Leon

Track 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10; NHS 11,12; Natural Helpers
11,12; Girl's Choir 9; Concert Band 10; Symphonic Choir 10

Amy Lesko

Janie Lewis

Basketball 9,10,11,12; Softball 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 9,10,11,12

Jason Lewis

Stephanie Lichtle

Dolores Lira

Danielle Little

Amy Lochmondy

Cross Country 9,10,11,12; Track 9,10,11,12; Swimming
9,10,11,12; Student Council 9,11,12; NHS 11,12; FLHS 10,11,12;

Junior Miss

Stephanie Lofland

Legend 10,11,12; GOLF 9,10,11; Quill & Scroll 11,12; Speech
Team 9,10,11; NHS 12; Student Council 12; Latin Club 12; Quiz
Team 10,11,12

Margaret Lomax

Crista Luchene

Diving 9; HOSEA 11,12; SADD STOP 9; Lab Band 11 9,10;
Marching Band 9,10

Jennifer Luther

Tennis 9; HOSEA 11,12

Angela Magana

Student Council 9,10,11,12; Legend 10,11,12; Co-editor;
Natural Helpers 11,12; Musical 11; Junior Miss, Fall Play 12;
NHS 12; Quill & Scroll 11,12; Poms 11; Tennis 9,10

Amber Malenky

Cassie Mann





Justin Marcotte
Jamie Lynne Marsh
Ian Mathers
Nicholas Mayerik
Albert McCorkle
 Football 9,10,11,12; Track 11,12

Jamie McCune
Jason McKinney
 NHS 11,12; Peer Tutor 12; Natural Helpers 11; Jazz Band 10,11,12; OHS
Jody McKinney
Jennifer Meslich
 Legend 10,11,12; FLHS 10,11,12; NHS 12; Symphonic Orchestra 9,10,11,12; Super Bowl 9,10; Decathlon 9
Jeffrey Metz

Belinda Meyers
 Volleyball 9,10,11,12; Softball 9,10,11,12; Basketball 10; Concert Orchestra 9; Symphonic Orchestra 10
Brandi Minor
 Lab Band 1-9
Melissa Misner
Lacy Mitchell
Brandy Mitchkess

Michael Moon
 Basketball Manager 9,10,11,12; Track 9
Paul Moore
Melissa Morris
 Track 9,10; HOSA 11,12; FLHS 10
Aaron Movre
Nina Muhammed
 HOSA 12

Mitch Sims takes part in many unique activities. Sims takes part on the Lincoln park rowing team and Sims will also be traveling to China this summer with his church.

Mitchell Sims Senior

"It's cool because my dad is also going to China, so I get to spend the experience with him."

Living Hope. For \$1500 Sims is able to be in China from June 12-23 since his church is providing \$1000. He will be assisting in the building of a church. "It's cool because my

dad is also going to China, so I get to spend the experience with him." His church has been to places such as Africa, Brazil, India, and Peru.



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At a girl's soccer game last fall, senior Kristin Selund plays defense against the opposing team. Selund was involved with soccer all four years.

Philip Mulroe
Deldra Munoz
Jillian Nestler

Latin Club 9,10,11,12; Art Club 12; Concert Choir 9,10; Fall Play 9

Eric Newbold

Legend 11,12; Spanish Club 11

Lauren Niemcewicz

Swimming 9,10,11,12; NHS Club 9,10,11,12; NHS 12; Lab Band 11,9; Concert Band 10

Justin Nolan
Jessica Nugent
Kevin Nush

Symphonic Band 10,11,12; Jazz Band 10; Concert Band 9; Marching Band 9,10,11; Pep Band 9,10,11,12; Musical 10,11,12; Football 9; Sage 10

Nicole O'Dell
Kevin O'Quinn

Katherine Osilzo

Marching Band 10,11,12; Pep Band 10,11,12; NHS 12; Key Club 9,10; Intermural Volleyball 9,10; Latin Club 12; Volleyball 9

Holli Owen

Holly Paniaguas

Swimming 9,10,11,12; NHS 12; FLHS; Track 10,11; Volleyball 9,10

Angelo Papachronis

Football 9,10,11,12; Track 9,10,12; Basketball 9,10,11

Jacob Parker

Shannon Parker
Brandon Parks
Christine Parks

Swimming 10; Legend 11,12

Jeremy Pedone

Angela Peete

Nicole Pennington
Victoria Perez

Poms 10,11; NHS 12; Symphonic Orchestra 10; FLHS 10; HOSA 11; Student Council 9; Concert Orchestra 9; Junior Miss

Melody A. Peterson

Justin Phillips

Basketball 9; Baseball 10; Track 12

Abby Porter

Natural Helpers 11,12; NHS 11,12; Student Council 10,11,12; Fall Play 12; Prom Court 11

Jessica Potts
Gina Prichett

Cheerleading 9,10,11

Marcus Rainwater

Legend 10,11,12; Symphonic Orchestra 10,11; Symphonic Band 10,11; Jazz Band 11; Marching Band 9,10

James Ramirez

Tiffany Ramirez

Tennis 9,10; Multicultural Club 10; Student Council 9,10; Legend 10,11,12; FLHS 11,12; HOPE Club 9

Michelle Raupach
Christopher Reed

Tennis 9; Swimming 9; Symphonic Band 10; Concert Band 9

Gary Reed

Jeremy Richmond

William Rippel IV



Allen Hughes is going something most students are given the chance to do, but rarely take advantage of. Last summer Hughes went to Fort Lenardwood for basic

Allen Hughes Senior

"I took this opportunity for the college money and benefits."

training. He will return this summer to the Army National Guard. For 5 weeks he will be AIT (Advanced Individual Training). Then he will travel to

Italy with his unit for more training. They will be attending to the duties on an air strip. "I took this opportunity for the college money, and benefits. They are going to pay for my college education."



Photo by: Susan Culp

"Principals are unjust". claims the poster that senior Katherine Oslizo is carrying, exercising her right to free speech.



Matthew Ripperdan
Nicole Robinson

Pow Wow 10.11.12; Cheerleading 9

Daniel Rodriguez

Rebecca Rodriguez

Sportsball 9.10.11.12; Basketball 9.10

Adam Rogers

John Rosenquist

Shannon Ruse

Karin Russell

Ashley Safstrom

Basketball 9.10.11.12; Sportsball 9.10.11.12; Volleyball 10.

Cheerleading 9

Jeanette Sanchez

HOSA 11.12; Student Council 9.10.11; Athletic Trainer 10.11.12;

Natural Helpers 11; SADD STOP 9; Multicultural Club 9

Lauren Sandor

Brian Sarnowski

Brooks Sayer

Football 9; FJHS 11; VHS 12

Matthew Scheuer

Football 9; Intermural Basketball 9.10; Student Council

9.10.11.12; NHS 12; Fall Play 12; Musical 11.12; OIM

Chad Schweitzer

NHS 12; Lab Band 1 9

Tyler Schweitzer

Brayden Scott

Christopher Scott

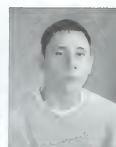
Kristin Selund

Soccer 9.10.11.12; Student Council 9.10.11.12; Track 10; NHS

11.12; FJHS 10.11; Ski Club 11; Peer Tutors 10.12

Matthew Semernezski

Joseph Setnor
Curt Shaffer
Jennifer Sharp
HOSA 11,12; VHS 11; SADD STOP 9
Stephen Shearer
Baseball 9
Erin Sheehan



Stephanie Shepherd

Legend 9,10,11,12; Pow Wow 10,11; Swimming 9; Concert
Orchestra 9
Angela Shields
Allison Shoppa
Rebecca Siminski
Benjamin Simon
Baseball 9,10,11; Basketball 9



Mitchell Sims

Track 9,10,11; Football 9; Natural Helpers 12
Steven Sipich
Carolyn Slankowski
Jessica Smedley
Heidi Smith



**Kindra Smith
Robert Smith Jr.**

Swimming 10,12
Tristan Smith
Basketball 9; Film Study Club 11
Patricia Snoder
Patricia Snoder



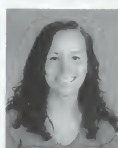
Stephanie Sonaty

HOSA 11,12; Natural Helpers 12; Lab Band 11, 9
Amber Sprague
Peer Tutor 10,11,12
Amy Lynn Stanley
Austin Stoner
Keith Sulcer



Jamie Sutton

Scott Swanson
Basketball 9,10,11,12
Brenna Sweeney
Swimming 9,10,11,12; Latin Club 11,12
Erin Sweeney
NHS 12; FLHS 10,11,12; Decathlon 12; Super Bowl 12
Kristen Szabo



**Ashley Szybala
Justin Tarin
Monica Tatela
Forest Terry
TJ Thomas**





Aslinn Tibbetts

Symphonic Strings 9,10

Douglas Tomes

Soccer 9,10,11,12; Student Council 10,11,12; Track 10

Michael Torchia

Hilda Torres

Rachel Torres

Soccer 9,10,11,12; Tennis 9,10,11; Basketball 9,10



Dennis Trafny

Basketball 9,10,11; Cross Country 9,10,11; Track 9,10; NHS

11,12; FLHS 10,11,12; DMA; Concert Band 10; Lab Band 11,9

Shannon Trager

Kathryn Trathen

Chorus 10,11,12; Symphonic Choir 10,11,12; Natural

Harp 10; Peer Tutor 10; NHS 11,12

Tiffany Tucker

Christen Tuttle

Cheerleading 9,10



High school is where life
long friends are made.

Seniors Christopher Iwan
and Casey Gutierrez walk
down the halls awaiting
the end of the day.



On the soccer field Daniel
Rodriguez shows his skills.
At the soccer games fans
hollered at Rodriguez for
his performance.

Jennifer Vargas

Legend 10,11; Cheerleading 9,10; Student Council 10,11;
Multicultural Club 10

Jeff Veach Jr.**Robert Vega**

Track 9,10,11,12; Cross Country 12

David Veldhuizen**Ryan Villa****Maria Villacin**

NHS 12; FHS 12; Tennis 10,11; Spanish Club 10,11; Legend 11,12

Anthony Vottero**John Vucko****ShreeVoncila Walker**

NHS 11,12; Speech 10,11,12; Student Council 9; Concert

Choir 9

Jerrod Wallace**Micheal Wampler**

Wrestling 9

Edward Webbell**Christopher Wells**

Latin Club 9,10; Student Council 12; Chess Club 12;

DM: Youth Alive 11

Erin Wendt

Musical 9,10,11,12; Fall Play 11; Cheerleaders 9,10,11,12;

Symphonic Choir 10,11,12; Concert Choir 9; NHS 12;

Natural Helpers 11,12; Latin Club 10,11; Junior Miss

Stephanie White**Donald Wilson**

Concert Choir 9; Speech Team 10,11

Stacey Wilson**Scott Wolozanski**

Film Study Club 11,12; Concert Orchestra 9; Key Club 9;

Marching Band 9; Lab Band 1 9; Symphonic Band 12

Brooke Wozniak

Soccer 9,10

Micheal Ziulkowski II

Soccer 9,10,11,12; Track 10; DM

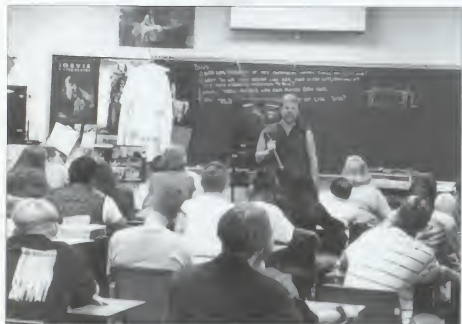
**Micheal Zonder**

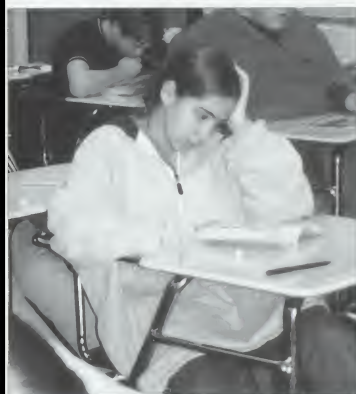
Goodbye Seniors



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Academic

Trivia

Concert Orchestra is a class run by Mrs. Carrie Ann Carlson.

The orchestra preforms many times within the school year and takes trips out of state.

What:

This is just one of the many musical groups within the school. This group is made up of the intermediate group.



Concert Orchestra



The conductor, Mrs. Carrie Ann Carlson leads the orchestra as one section decrescendos and crescendos another.

At an orchestra concert junior Julie Green plays her viola. Julie is fourth chair for the viola and has played the instrument throughout her entire high school career.





What:

This academic class is chamber orchestra. Chamber orchestra is usually for the musicians that are beginners or are less experienced.

Chamber Orchestra



Mrs. Carrie Ann Carlson calls attention to the orchestra as they start the performance. Carlson has been the orchestra conductor and teacher for the past 4 years.

Pep Band members look to Mr. Depasquale for the signal to start playing. The band usually plays during time outs and between periods to encourage the fans.

What:

Pep Band is another opportunity for the students with musical talents to shine. They are mainly responsible for the music heard at Basketball games.

pep band



Tenor saxophone is one of many instruments played in the Pep Band. Being a woodwind instrument, it is in the same family as the clarinet and the oboe.





Trivia

Pep Band supplies all of the music at Varsity Basketball games. They do the same job that Marching Band does for football.

With sheet music ready to go, various members of the Pep Band warm up before the evenings game. Warming up is essential for a good sound from each musician.



Looking to get the attention of the Pep Band, Mr. Depasquale patiently listens to a concern of one of his students.

What:

Marching Band plays at all the fall football games during halftime and community events like holiday parades. Flag Corps are also a part of the Marching Band.



Marching Band

In the classroom, two of the percussionists perfect their performance. It took many hours of out of class time for musicians to practice for performances and for competitions.

Many times, the Marching Band could be seen practicing in the student parking lot after hours. They are an integral part of are school, involved with sports and many other activities.





Fall Varsity Football games provided an opportunity for the Marching Band to show off their skills and performances. They performed during halftime of every football game.



For the Christmas parade, the Flag Corps used wrapped gifts instead of the traditional flags. The marching band tried to get involved with many of the community's parades.

Class time provided an opportunity for music teacher Mike Depascal, to give the band members a little more instruction. Class time was spent practicing and expanding talents.

What:

Concert Band is in between Lab Band and Symphonic Band. Many students continue onto Symphonic Band after being in the Concert Band.



Concert Band

(class participants) Nicole Abbott, Christopher Casson, Carrie Coleman, Megan Cormican, Timothy Cuttill, Benjamin Dilts, Darrell Dominic, Nichole Flatt, Kelly Fulkerson, Patricia Hammond, Cynthia Hassett, Albert Hatfield Jr., Dawn Hood, Edward Hudson, Patrick Jordan, Erik Keever, David Kizkan, Matthew Konopasek, Bryan Krieg, Tana Leto, Jack Lundy, Joshua McCluskey, Jennifer McIntyre, Thomas Misch, Harold Morgan Jr., Chad Norris, Honey Paul, Abel Perez, Thomas Potts, Jennifer Risner, Andrew Sabo, Chrstina Sanchez, Nathan Stokes, Brian Weiland, Brian Westerkamp, Gregory Westerkamp, Joleen Wiatrowski, Kristine Wilkie, Eric York



Awards are handed out to senior Scott Wolozanski by Mr. Robert Symer, one of the band instructors. At awards night the band received awards as well as performed.

Concert Band plays many festivals and concerts throughout the year, as well as competing against other schools. Here, in the East Gymnasium, the group performs.





Percussion is a big part of the Symphonic Band. Senior Jade Kinsey has been playing the drums since freshman year. She was involved with various bands in her high school career.

Two members of the concert band, all dressed up for the festival, play the flute. The festival is the end of the year crowning achievement event.



What:

Symphonic Band is one of the advanced and more elite bands for students. Its mostly composed of members from the junior and senior classes.

(class participants) Erik Arvidson, Michael Bundy, Jonathon Burchuk, Crystal Cavanaugh, Elizabeth Chapman, Stephanie Ciesielski, Valerie Comerford, Ashley Coombs, Elizabeth Creech, Christopher Daniel, Afriyie Daniels, Nicole Dearing, Jessica Fitzgerald, Joanna Fitzgerald, Frank Good, Justin Hampton, Suzanna Harman, Lindsey Harth, Ryan Henry, Michael Hostetler, Amanda Hritz, Kristen Hutchins, Jade Kinsey, Michael Lukacovic, Jaime Nolan, Kevin Nush, Anthony Ortiz, Kylee Parobek, Gary Pilipovich, Jessica Pomales, Stefanie Reese, Daniel Reisen, Noah Ritchie, Deborah Roberts, Adam Rogers, Daniel Santana, Caleb Santos, Amber Shewmaker, Elizabeth Simkin, Daniel Smeltzer, Barbara Stanton, Rebecca Upchurch, Scott Wolozanski

Symphonic Band

While playing along with the rest of the band, sophomore Thomas Misch concentrates on learning the new piece. Misch counts juggling as one of his many talents.



A little tired and groggy-eyed, students scan a new piece of sheet music. Feeling tired was just part of the program for the students since the class met everyday before school.



While Senior Matt Arndt looks for the proper sound, the rest of the band warms up. Arndt has been a playing with the Jazz Band for four years and working on side projects on his own.





As senior Jeremy Richmond plays his guitar, he practices his finger alignment. Playing guitar for the Jazz Band takes plenty of time and energy to get it right.



As a fellow jazz band member plays, junior Lisa Owen watches and listens. Working together is a key to the Jazz Band's success.

Trivia

Did you know that Jazz Band is a fifth hour class? That means that members must arrive to school around 6AM to attend class.

Trivia

Lab Band is having its name changed to Beginning Concert Band. The state is requiring the name change to make transferring schools easier.

Photo By Jennifer Mesich

The annual music festival at the end of the year gave Lab Band a chance to show off their musical improvement. All members focus on Mr. DePasquale in order to keep tempo.



Photo By Jennifer Mesich

Most of the students in Lab Band have taken Portage Township music band classes and have had a minimum of two years of experience on their instrument.



Photo By Jennifer Mesich



What:

Lab Band teaches and develops the fundamental skills of music. The group performs four times publicly, in both musical solos and ensembles.

lab band

(Lab Band Participants) Jerald Balta, Brad Brutout, Amber Butala, Rachel Cantu, Fabian Caraballo, Megan Coleman, Michelle Coleman, Rachael Cooper, Ted Craig, Michael Demmon, Kate Dierenger, Samantha Ellis, Crystal Espinosa, Elise Evans, Valerie Farley, Jason Feigl, Bryan Fielder, Kensay Fields, Alex Gaines, Christine Gilbert, Christine Hall, Jason Huckaby, Justin Huff, Jennifer Hunter, Breanna Krueger, Michael Kushneruk, Anthony Laingren, Justin MacMillan, Sallie Martinez, Leon McCall, Aaron McGuffey, Jenna Mead, Diana Meyers, Eric Michaels, Josh Mitchell, Jeff Ostapchuk, Jennifer Owen, Lindsay Owen, Lauren Parobek, Chris Peters, Shelly Poznic, Katherine Proper, Bernard Pruim, Liz Ryan, Jeanine Ryan, Stan Sarnowski, Jessica Shelby, Derek Shelton, Ashley Sitko, Leonard Smock, Lindsey Speer, Kim Stafford, Kristin Stewart, Katreena Taugher, Jeremy Walters, April Watson, Justin West, Adam Wilfond, Chad Williams, Jennifer Wilt, Michelle Wright, Delanie Yermack, Jonathon Ziulkowski.

Photo By Jennifer Mesich



Photo By Jennifer Mesich



With the spotlight on the clarinets, the lab band plays in the east gym. The band not only took their places on the floor, but the stands as well.

According to their instructor, the students in Lab Band have matured nicely to young adults in music as well as in their attitudes.

Trivia

Concert choir and girls' glee both performed at The ISSMA Solo and Ensemble as well as the Christmas concert, Festival and other concerts.

What:

The concert choir performed a Christmas concert, a Pre-contest concert, and a Choral Festival. The group also participated in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble contest.



Concert Choir

(first row) Holly Sansone, Skyanne Ensign, Ann Daniel, Dennis Foster, Alfred Cruz Jr., Michael Jordan, Susana Garibay, Kelly Guba, Heather Fletter. (second row) Cara Christman, Shirley Hollifield, Kellisue Sparks, Julia Rogers, Jocelyn Crisp, Caryn Rybecki, Jessica Perez, Ashley Richie. (third row) Kathleen Wirth, Adam Clough, Adam Krol, Joseph Depaula, Richard Colvin III, Julie Damon, April Webb, Misty Vickrey, Mrs. Jones. (fourth row) Tamra Rudziewicz, Carrie Martinez, Christine Brockett, Gloria Hogg, Jason Michael Bristow, Matthew Kerns, Amanda Hancock, Annette Allegra, Elizabeth Durkin.



While in class, Mrs. Jones conducts the concert choir to prepare for a concert. The concert choir participated in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble contest this year.

In Girls' Glee, sophomores Jessica McWaters and Victoria Velez sing their part with the rest of the class. Velez also participated in symphonic choir and choralliers.





In order to prepare for a concert, sophomore Michael Jordan and Susana Garibay sing in concert choir. The concert choir had many concerts including festival and a Christmas concert.

To perform their best, juniors Nicole O'Connor and Ashley Plummer practice with the other girls. O'Connor also participated in choralliers this year.



What:

Girls' Glee performed a Christmas concert, a Pre-contest concert, and a Choral Festival. The group also participated in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble contest.

(front row) Julia Rogers, Jocelyn Crisp, Stephanie Olson, Ryan Garcia. (second row) Amanda Littke, Amber Edmonds, Kristina Dehnart, Kristina Childress, Jessica McWaters, Victoria Velez, Brandy Hart. (third row) Kathleen Diamond, Ashley Plummer, Ashley Cowger, Michelle Coates, Nicole O'Connor, Crystal Vazquez, Sunshine Thomas, Carley Shaffer, Jenny Cervantes, Mrs. Jill Jones. (fourth row) Lorelei Shannon, Sheila Farley, Kirsten Crouch, Amanda Kelley, Carolyn Healy.

Girls' Glee

While practicing for a competition, senior Tiffany Sherwood sings her part for the group. The choir members could perform in small groups or as soloist for competition.

In order to prepare for competition, junior Shannon Smolar sings her solo. All members of symphonic choir were required to participate in Solo and Ensemble contests.



Photo By Stephanie Lolland



Photo By Stephanie Lolland



Photo By Stephanie Lolland

With the accompanist, junior Karen Darnell practices her solo. The soloist could receive a ranking of I, II, or III in competition with a I being the best.

To do her best during a competition, junior Katie Lerch practices her solo with her accompanist. The symphonic choir performed at America Sings in San Antonio this year.



Photo By Stephanie Lolland



What:

The symphonic choir performed at a Christmas concert, a Lenten service, a pre-contest concert, and a choral festival. The group also participated in ISSMA contest and solo and ensemble.

(front row) Emily Cliver, Erin Wendt, Kathryn Trathen, Lori Alicea, Adam Garner, Heather Radtke, Shannon Smolar, Patricia Hatfield. (second row) Anna Crowley, Mary Dranchak, Katie Lerch, Karen Darnell, Curt Shaffer, Patricia Volk, Amanda Elkins, Victoria Velez, Lisa Chapman, Tiffany Sherwood. (third row) Christopher Boyer, Tiffany Rigoni, Kayla Rawdon, Kati McMurry, Hernan Colon II, Michael Blakely, Jake Shear, Brian Sarnowski, Lauren Bailey, Sara Crowley, Sara Fazekas, Amber Shewmaker, Patrick Rzepka.

Symphonic Choir

Trivia

The symphonic choir participated in America sings where they performed service projects and sang with other choirs from around the nation.



Before a competition, seniors Hernan Colon II, Brian Sarnowski, and junior Jake Shear practice their barbershop quartet. The barbershop quartet was performed for Solo and Ensemble.

Photo by Stephanie Lofland

What:

The choraliers perform songs and dances at several concerts including the Holiday Show, the Sacred Concert, the light show and festival. They also performed in San Antonio at America Sings.



Choraliers

(front row) Erin Wendt, Anna Crowley, Hernan Colon II, Sara Crowley, Olivia Grashel. (second row) Jake Shear, Kathryn Trathen, Nicole O'Connor, Patrick Rzepka. (third row) Kayla Rawdon, Victoria Velez, Brian Sarnowski, Curt Shaffer, Tiffany Sherwood, Tiffany Rigoni, Mrs. Jones.



Photo By Stephanie Lofland



Photo By Stephanie Lofland

To do their best, seniors Curt Shaffer and Tiffany Sherwood practice their dance routine with the rest of the choraliers. The choraliers performed at several community and school activities.

While in a dress rehearsal, senior Brian Sarnowski dips senior Kathryn Trathen. Trathen has participated in choraliers for four years while Sarnowski has participated for three years.



Photo By Stephanie Lolland

Before the Holiday Show, freshman Anna Crowley practices sign language for a song. This year the choraliers went to San Antonio for America Sings.

At the Secret Pal social, junior Olivia Grashel yells at the Grinch played by junior Jake Shear. In addition to choir concerts, the choraliers had several other performances.



Photo By Jennifer Mesich



Photo By Stephanie Lolland

During a practice, junior Tiffany Rigoni and sophomore Victoria Velez dance to a Christmas song. The choraliers performed several Christmas shows this year.

During a competition, senior Christopher Kanich spells his word. Each member of the spell bowl team spelled nine words.



To do their best, sophomores Ashley Davich, Alexis Chaddock, and Sylvianna Baccarelli study with senior Christopher Kanich. The team consisted of ten members.



What:

The superbowl team members collaborate in small groups to competing different subject areas including science, social studies, math, English and fine arts. Each member is allowed to compete in two subjects



(first row) Daniel Shattuck, Timothy Howard, Kelly Armour, Nathan Stokes. (second row) Casey Gutierrez, Tristan Mathews, Erin Sweeney, Stephanie Lofland, Kathryn Paunicka, Kayla Crecelius. (third row) Jerald Balta, Paul Moore, Christopher Kanich, Jonathon Ziulkowski, Christopher Bush.

Super bowl



While in competition, seniors Casey Gutierrez, Christopher Kanich and sophomore Christopher Bush collaborate on a math problem. Each member of the super bowl team was allowed to compete in two subject area.



What:

Each member of the team spells nine words, each correct word counting as one point, to form a team score.

(front row) Alexis Chaddock, Sylvianna Baccarelli, Ashley Davich.
(second row) Michael Rodriguez, Stephanie Lofland, Christopher Kanich. (third row) Jonathon Ziulkowski, Mrs. Parker, Kayla Crecelius, Christina Haack.

**Spell
Bowl**

To prepare for competition, senior Christopher Kanich reviews the information provided. Each team member competes in ten subject areas



Before a competition, freshman Jerald Balta reviews his notecards to remember his speech. The speech was required to be three to five minutes in length



What:

The quizbowl team competes with other area schools in a "jeopardy"-style fashion. The season ends with a tournament with the winners moving onto the state competition



(front row) Jordan Andrew Chaddock, Christopher Kanich (second row) Erin Sweeney, Stephanie Lofland, Jay Beckham Jr., Paul Moore, Jonathon Ziulkowski

quizbowl



(front row) Jerald Balta, David Moore, Paul Moore. (second row) Ms. Linda Oldenburg, Christopher Kanich, Mrs. Mary Sparacino, Timothy Howard. (third row) Erin Sweeney, Glenn King Jr.

What:

Nine team members compete in ten different subject areas for the highest scores. The teams with the high scores in the area then move to the state competition. Individuals may also place according to their scores.

decathlon

Trivia

The Decathlon team competed at the state competition in Indianapolis with Timothy Howard and Christopher Kanich placing individually.



While waiting for the other team to arrive, senior Erin Sweeney and sophomore Jonathon Ziulkowski set up the equipment. The quizbowl team generally competed twice a week.

To do his best, freshman David Moore studies his material in between tests. Individual scores were combined to form a team score in Decathlon.

The Knowledge

Master Open team tries to answer the question quickly. The competition takes place over the internet with many different schools competing.

During a competition,

senior Erin Sweeney and junior Kerry Hernandez think about questions. The Knowledge Master Open team competes twice a year.



What:

The group answers questions as a team on a timed computer program. The team loses points for incorrect answers and earns points for correct answers. The scores are then ranked nationally.



Christopher Kanich, Erin Sweeney, Kerry Hernandez

Knowledge
Master
Open



To help out his team, senior Christopher Kanich works out a problem. The Knowledge Master Open is a timed event.

Trivia

The Knowledge Master Open team competed via the internet against schools across the nation in trivia questions covering many topics.



The Knowledge Master Open team collaborates on answering questions correctly. The Knowledge Master Open team can consist of any number of members.

While listening to Ms. Martin's instruction, freshman Meredith Stasik cannot help but smile at her coach's interpretation of the piece. Students are encouraged to select their own materials for competition.

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Speech Team



People in the picture: (Front Row) Coach Amy Burke, Meredith Stasik, Coach Charity Kehoe, and Head Coach Carrie Martin.

Club: Speech Team

Sponsor: Ms. Martin

of Members: 15

What's Done?: The Speech Team participates in one of the longest competitive seasons in all of academic and athletic competitions. Speech team students diligently rise early on Saturday mornings throughout the school year to compete at a variety of schools throughout the state of Indiana.



With determination in his stance and gestures, freshman Eric Polewski makes his point. Speech events range from persuasion to interpretation of literature and poetry.



With a smile on her face, freshman Meredith Stasik listens to Ms. Martin's advice to improve her performance. Coaches and student put many extra hours after school and on weekends to compete to the best of their abilities.

LRE and Peer tutors

Trivia

Peer tutors work one to one with students, acting as guides to help simplify, re-explain, and mentor students.

Jody Cox	Christy Johnson	Amanda Isaac	Tabitha Schuster
Christina Farmer	Sandra Kennedy	Orlando Powell	Christine Wampler
Dan Shattuck	Nicole O'Dell	Sara Egendoerfer	Julie Knight
Melissa Evantaz	Cynthia Book	Alexis Hernandez	Tiffany Malenky
Brandy Earnhart	Jennifer Gomez	Bridget Ladra	Jamie Marsh
Angela Garza	Sarah Grund	Forest Terry	Nicole Parnell
Anna Rivera	Heather Maupin	Tiffanee Alumbaugh	Don Pugh
Crystal Rosas	Amber Sprague	Derek Costa	Jason McKinney
Jason Lewis	Robert Rossi	Jamie Lewis	Jessica Kirk
Nicole Buchmeire	Tara Cooper	Justin Phillips	Abigail Najjar
Sara Lindsay	Steve Gasaway	Candice Turner	Shelly Poznic
Victoria Stanford	Robert Charbonneau	Eric Smith	Nicole Pennington
Justina Peters	Kristen Allen	Ryan Embry	Jolynn Meyer
Christina Bailey	Josephine Pomales	Mark Fleming	Sarah Cohen
Jessica Maisonneuve	Kristin Selund	Josh Guidareli	Chris Lipski
Mary Parks	Kindra Smith	Mike Taylor	Kevin Nush
Brett Rogers	Nicole Criswell	Christina Mihalek	
Dan Costa	Rachel Fisher	Kyle Ketchum	



Photo by Candice Turner

All of the LRE

students took their peer tutors to the Pines Ski Lodge for winter fun day. Here is the whole group having a good time by one of the ski hills.

While at the mall,

the peer tutors and other students stop for a little bit of food. Field trips are frequent for the entire LRE and peer tutor program.



Often times, the LRE students need some one-on-one assistance with their homework. Sophomore Alexis Hernandez helps one of the LRE students with her assignments for the day.

Many of the LRE and peer tutors took a winter fun day at the Pines ski lodge. One of these LRE students is enjoying a fun tube ride on that trip.



Photo By Mr. Prellwitz



Peer tutors grow strong relationships with the people that they are assigned to help. Two peer tutors decide to hug and strike a pose on one of the many field trips of the year.

Not only do the peer tutors work hard for their students, but they also get the chance to go on field trips with them. Freshman Anna Rivera is with a student on a field trip.

The JROTC performs during many ceremonies at football and basketball games, including the Fall Homecoming game. Here the squad is making way for the court candidates.

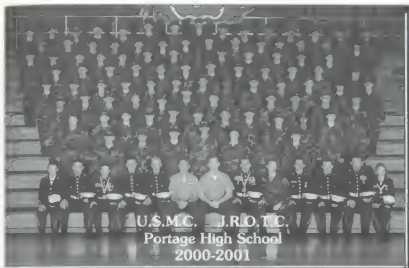


Along with the cheerleaders and the marching band, JROTC members perform during halftime at football games. Here they are carrying flags and rifles.



Homecoming week is a fun-filled, exciting week for many of the organizations. The JROTC marches during the Homecoming parade on Friday before the big game.





What:

JROTC does various activities throughout the year, performing at games, parades, and competitions. They also have helped out with charities.

JROTC

Trivia

Each year JROTC has speakers come in to talk to the classes and demonstrate various skills to the students.

(4 term class participants): Heather Adduci, Christina Bardsley, Steven Blastick, Marie Boller, Thomas Boller, Branden Buchmeier, Carl Cabanas IV, Joshua Castleman, Richard Colvin III, Joseph Depaula, Jonathon Ebling, Kala Fluck, Blake Foyteck, Arthur Gomez, Christopher Hall, Ashley Hart, Robert Heart, Eric Johnson, Steven Johnson, Maureen Jordan, Adam Kalman, Victoria Keyser, Stephen Kometz, Stephanie Kuehl, Bryan McClaran, David Moore, Paul Moore, Brecole Munoz, Daniel Murphy, Brain Naumann, Kevin O'Quinn, Diana Otto, Jarrett Ragon, Kristal Ragon, Katie Richards, Melany Soto, Shena Stacy, Candace Swanson, Douglas Tallant, Arnold Taylor, William Wireman, Nicole Wise

(2 term class participants): Annette Allegra, Dana Ballard, Brandon Bement, Toni Bordelon, Joseph Boruff, Michael Brunsman, Daniel Castro, Anthony Cauley, Jonathon Davis, Michael Demmon, Russell Erickson, Sheila Farley, Adam Feeney, Adam Ferguson, Juan Garcia, Carlos Garza Jr., Michael Giouard, Sarah Grund, Samantha Heckman, Bruce Holt, Brandi Hoskins, John Hoyo Jr., Edward Hudson, Nicole Jaime, George Johnston, Jonathon Kozik, Hunter Lawson-Lloyd, Angel Lemus, Johnny Levin, Tabitha Levin, Justin Livengood, Brandon Luellman, Ryan Maffitt, Jonah Monnier, Pia Munoz, John Palmer Jr., Thomas Parker, Justina Peters, Eric Peterson, Michael Rodriguez, Jose Rojano Jr., Wendy Sarkinen, Aaron Seidel, Brain Sholar, Merissa Smith, Amber Steeley, Austin Stoner, Autumn Stoner, Aslinn Tibbetts, Chau Tran, Joel Tummond, Misty Vickrey, Jeremy Walters, Benjamin Webdell, Alan Welsh, Brandon Whitmer, Lewis Williams



JROTC officers means responsibility. Here seniors Kevin O'Quinn and Anthony Kozik look through some old files.



Good physical condition is important for JROTC members.
Here a few of the members exercise by doing sit-ups.

JROTC participates in various community activities throughout the year, including the annual food drive.

Organization is a necessity to being on Pow Wow staff. Pictured is Junior Candace Gardner getting her stories together to turn them into the editor.



Photo By Rob Gray

Story ideas are important to get a variety of ideas in the newspaper. Juniors Eric Rivera, Matt Redden and Jeff Burton discuss story ideas for the upcoming issues.

What:
Pow Wow is the class that puts the newspaper out to the student body. In this class, the students write, edit and design the paper on a bi-weekly schedule.



Pow Wow

(front row) Patrick Thurber, Dan Shattuck, Mark Przekwas, Candace Turner (second row) Jeff Burton, Nicole Robinson, Karen Green, Rebecca Anders, Christopher Hopper, Candace Gardner (third row) David Gilbert, Matt Higgins, Chris Stidham, Hunter McKee, Jon Thomas, Anthony Holeman, Brad Stevenson, Eric Rivera.



Photo By Rob Gray

There is some freetime in Pow Wow class. Juniors Elizabeth Brown, Brianna Braun and Eric Rivera are shown working on their homework after their stories are written.



Photo By Rob Gray



Co-editors Nicole Robinson and Chris Stidham are shown having a meeting on how to improve the newspaper. New ideas are always necessary to help the newspaper improve.

Trivia

Pow Wow is a class that takes a lot of time outside of school, and has dedicated students that work on it. Even during weekends.



Computer designing is an important part of putting the newspaper together. Senior Brenna Culbert is showing junior Angie Lewandowski something to do on the computer.



New design ideas are vital for an upbeat newspaper. Junior Tristan Mathews is showing juniors Karen Green and Jon Thomas new design ideas for the newspaper.

Trivia

Saga is both student produced and published. The class is held during 4th block.

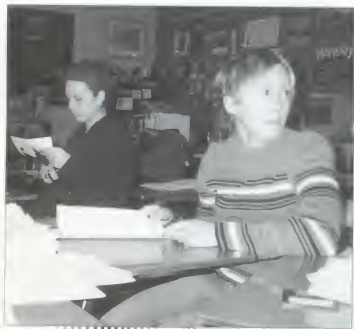
What?

Once a year, the students produce a book that is an open forum of expression for students and faculty of Portage High School.



(front row) Christine Keaton, Lisette Fontanez, Kristina Edelen, Tammy McKamey. (second row) John Fela, Christina Chubbs, Christy Johnston, Jennifer Rak, David Gapinski, Crystal Leismer, Kim Harden, Tony Lombardi, Mrs. Lute-Brown.

Saga



In Saga, deadlines must be met so that the publication is ensured to be out on time. Following the advice of her advisor, junior Christy Keaton completes the necessary steps.

Layout and organization is a big part of putting together a publications like "Saga." Seniors Lisette Fontanez and Crystal Leismer work together.



Photo By Mrs. Lute Brown

Team work is an important part of the class. Here some team members of Saga work together towards completion of the book.



Show your feelings

Saga helps students express themselves

By: Stage Cup

Portage High School has created many outlets from which students can let their creativity flow. Various art classes, creative writing, drama, and others have been established as options for the artistically gifted student. In addition to these programs, once a year students have the opportunity to express themselves through "Saga", a student produced and published book created right here at the high school. Over the announcements boys and girls of

all grades are urged to submit their art, poetry, short stories, playwrights, and photographs to Saga. The staff is bombarded with hundreds of entries from students wanting to be in the widely distributed book. This year the Saga staff also did something new, they let the seniors put quote, memories, and words of advice on a "Senior Quotes and Memories" page in the book. The book is on sale for \$3 every year, and previous year's books are available for the same price.



Group meetings are very important when planning "Saga". The team must figure out what the theme will be, what the cover will look like, and other miscellaneous items.

While working on the yearbook, it is important to keep up with the events around school. Here junior Christina Vega writes down the schedule for winter sports events.



Fourth hour of every day is devoted to the creation of the yearbook in room 153. Senior Tiffany Ramirez and sophomore Elizabeth Richards collaborate on their Fall sports spreads.

What:

This is the class that puts the yearbook out every year. Each person depends on each other person to get the book out on time.



(front row) Eric Newbold. (second row) Marcus Rainwater, Candice Turner, Lisette Fontanez, Tiffany Ramirez. (third row) Robert Gray, Jennifer Mesich, Stephanie Lofland, Angela Magana, Stacie Culp, Shandra Stanfield, Anthony Holeman.

legend



Yearbook

A real life class for real life people

By: Stacie Culp

Graduation: The first step on the road to the "real life." For many students, however, the road begins far before the administration hands them their diploma. There are many classes that students might take here at Portage High School that they feel really don't apply to their own life at all, or will not help them in the future. Legend is not one of these classes. The class not only challenges students to extend their time and resources to the maximum potential, but also presents the inevitable challenge of life: doing things on your own. Unlike a normal "classroom" environment, students involved with Legend work at their own pace, with various deadlines throughout the year that are set by the editors.

The students involved with yearbook feel it has not only been beneficial to them, but a great experience.

"It [Legend] helps me become more familiar with working under superiors just like you have to at a real job," junior Christina Vega stated.

Other students have a real interest in journalism, and taking Legend is the first step to success.

"Legend has taught me the basic skills of designing and has set the base for my future career," senior Angela Magana said.

For any student with an interest in journalism, signing up for the Legend or Pow Wow classes is the first step to reaching your goals. It will not only teach you designing and writing skills, but other life skills such as patience, organization, and how to get along well with others.

What happens when deadlines are missed in Legend? Senior editor Stacie Culp and senior photographer Marcus Rainwater have a little confrontation over a missed deadline.



The photographers gather around senior photo-editor Jennifer Mesich during their weekly meeting. The meeting are designed to keep organized and remind everyone of their assignments.

Social Interaction





Club

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People in the picture: (Front Row) Dustin Pittman, Angela Magaña, Ashley Szybala, James Alexander. (Second Row) Abby Porter, Sadia Javed, Kristin Selund, Sane Ibrahim, Carrie Barnum, Patricia DeBord, Ashley Davich. (Third Row) Mrs. Lochmondy, Samantha Mitchell, Tabitha Schuster, Lisa Niloff, William Jacobs, Heather Nelson, Elizabeth Collins, Jillian Wallace, Elizabeth Cicchetto, Samantha Weinman, Richelle Alcantara, Jamie Snow, Tu Nygen, John Andrews, Hunter Lawson-Lloyd, Mr. Hancock. (Fourth Row) Adam Clough, Andy Warren, Matthew Scheuer, Jeffrey Jones, Michael Jurgenson, Philip Guerre, Jordan Chaddock, Christopher Wells.

Club: Student Council

Sponsor: Mr. Hancock

of Members:

student body

What's Done?:

Student Council is one of the largest clubs offered at PHS. They become involved in their school by hosting fall homecoming and, the winter formal, and the Ping Pong Tournament. In addition, it gives back to its community through projects such as the Food Drive, the Coat Drive, Valentine's Day Crush, Senior Citizen's Ball, Nursing Home Bingo, and Project Angel Tree.

- The 2000-2001 student council officers were
- James Alexander,
- Dustin Pittman, Angela Magaña, and
- Ashley Szybala.



At state convention, it is tradition to have a candlelight ceremony to represent how one can make the difference.

The candlelight ceremony at the Student Council banquet provides the seniors an opportunity to say their last words as members.



Behind the Scenes

Organization and leadership never dies for student council

Story by: Christina Vega

The bell rings after fourth block on a Friday afternoon and many students gather around the commons to finalize plans for the weekend. After about five or ten minutes of socializing, everyone makes their way to the parking lot and return home. Everyone except student council members, that is. Every Friday at 2:45 PM, the PHS student council is busy in the East Media Center planning activities for the student body. Some of these activities include fall homecoming and the winter formal. Through their hard

work, organization, and leadership the students at PHS are able to enjoy many fun and festive activities. Maybe this is why the Portage Student Council is continually recognized as an honor council. An honor council is a prestigious title awarded to a council due to the elite qualities it exemplifies. The council also gives back to the community by hosting a Coat Drive and Food Drive, as well as conducting such projects as Angel-Tree, Crush, and the new Senior Citizen's Ball. SCAT, made it possible for students to purchase coffee in the mornings.

The Gossip

"Student Council is truly an opportunity for anyone in the school to get involved and make a difference. It's really an honor to know that we represent so many kids and such a great school. We are the most diverse, accomplished, and greatest organization in the school, and we are the only 'club' that can really say that there is something for everyone to do and that anyone can come have a voice."

Senior James Alexander



At the Denver airport, seniors Abby Porter, Angela Magaña, Dustin Pittman, and James Alexander pose with the advisor Mr. Hancock. Every summer Mr. Hancock travels with students to a leadership camp.

At the banquet it is tradition for the retiring officers to pass on the title and give a small gift to the incoming officers.

Club: Multicultural Club

Sponsor: Ms. Villanueva

of Members: 57

What's Done?: The

Multicultural Club is a club that studies and discusses the culture that is in and around this school. This year the club performed a Hispanic dance at the Variety Show. The group practiced on Saturday mornings. The club also invited a dance group from another school to perform during lunches at the East building. The Multicultural Club took part in Christmas in April along many other clubs.



To promote cultural awareness, the Multicultural Club arranged for Spanish dancers and musicians to entertain the crowd.

Violin and trumpet players entertain the student body as a way to promote cultural awareness.



Official business is at hand during a Student Court meeting. Senior Kari Kopko signs a document.



Chief Justice Kari Kopko, as well as seniors Matthew Harris and Stephanie Lofland, discuss some issues with Mr. Douglas.

Student Court



People in the picture: (Front Row) Matthew Harris, Kari Kopko. (Second Row) Laura Hodges, Stephanie Lofland. (Third Row) Angela Garza, Star Bulva. (Fourth Row) Mr. James Douglas.

Club: Student Court

Sponsor: Mr. James

Douglas

of Members: 6

What's Done?:

The Student Court watches over all clubs mainly Student Council. Each club is supposed to have a constitution which it abides by. The court is given all official business that needs to be approved before the club is allowed to continue in the action. If a club fails to follow the rules then the court takes action. This year's Chief of Justice was senior Kari Kopko.

With one of the Spanish Club's goals to be more active, two seniors carry the club's banner in the Fall Homecoming Parade.



At a Spanish Club meeting, Sophomore Krystal Eldridge listens to the plans for the trip. The club took a field trip to Chicago.



Club: Spanish

Sponsor: Mrs. Hites

of Members: 15

What's Done?: The

Spanish club took a journey to Chicago to visit the Chicago Hispanic Art Museum. This enabled the group to understand Hispanic heritage in a more visual manner. The Spanish club also went to a Spanish restaurant. This allowed them understand how important food is to Hispanic heritage. There was a Christmas fiesta. They went to the Don Quixote Restaurant to view the Flamenco

The Gossip

"I believe that Spanish club is interesting because we get to explore various Spanish cultures, while at the same time we get to help our community."

Senior Monica Bedroya

"I enjoy Spanish Club because I get to meet lots of interesting new people."

Freshman Jessica Goldsmith

"I enjoy being a part of Spanish club because it gives me the opportunity to use my Spanish among my peers regularly. It also allows me to learn more about Spanish."

Senior Shree Von Cia Walker

PHS Groups in Action





People in the picture: (Front Row) Sadia Javed, Tabatha Tachik.

Club: French Club

Sponsor: Mr. Masty

of Members: 2-8

What's Done?: The

French Club plays French games, has a cheese tasting party, decorates for Christmas with French decorations, cooks French food, celebrates Mardi Gras and learns about the French culture.



Between rides at Great America, senior Cheryl Lightfoot eats lunch.

The Latin Club celebrates Saturnalia, a Roman festival, by exchanging gifts.

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While on a trip with the Latin Club, sophomores Alexis Chaddock and Suzanna Harman walk around the park. The Latin club consisted of 22 members this year.





At Great America, sophomores Ashley Davich, Slyvianna Baccarelli and senior Cheryl Lightfoot rest on a bench. The Latin club sold candy in order to raise money for the trip.



People in the picture: The members of the Latin Club

Club: Latin Club

Sponsor: Mr. Schott

of Members: 22

What's Done?: The

Latin club watches movies that portray Roman life, celebrates Roman Holidays, such as Saturnalia, participates in a fundraiser and takes a trip to Great America.

Mr. Jim Guzikowski
gives intructions to
members of SADD /
STOP at the state
conference held in the
city of Indianapolis



Photo by: Amanda Hagan

Club: S.A.D.D./S.T.O.P.

Sponsor: Jim Guzikowski

of Members: 20

What's Done?: Drug

Prevention, Tabacco use
prevention, Alcohol abuse
prevention, Violence prevention,
Health promotion, Heathy
living promotion, School dance
and other funraising projects,
Building a community of
students for health and fun.



Photo by: Amanda Hagan

- Heather Wood, Mandy
- Elkins and Mrs. Elkins
- smile for the camera
- during a break. Parents
- are always great
- support for the club.

A great amount of
support for this year's
functions came from
Smokefree Indiana and
their local coordinator
Natalie Rivich.





Chinese Clubs members
help spread a little
holiday cheer by
decorating the
Christmas tree in
Masty's classroom.



Mr. Masty instructs
club members in the
intricacies of Chinese
Chess by showing them
how certain pieces
move across the board.

Chinese Club

Club: Chinese

Sponsor: Mr. Masty

of Members:

anyone in chinese club

What's Done?:

Teaching traditional cultural
games and activities, Winter
cultural videos, Culinary
activities, Infrequent fund
raisers, Sponsor acadimac
award pins.

- With a little free time
- away from the
- competition at
- Nationals, three girls
- from BPA enjoy the
- summer sun.

..... One of the competitions at Nationals was not bed diving, but it didn't prevent the students from practices anyway.



Photo by: Marcus Rainwater

Photo by: Marcus Rainwater



BPA



The members of BPA

Club: BPA

Sponsor:

Mrs. Lori Pavell

of Members: 26

What's Done?: BPA

went on a Fall Leadership Conference on October 6 and 7. There was a BPA State Competition that was held through the dates March 18-20 that they took part in. Through out the days of May 8-13, the BPA traveled to the west coast to take part in a Competition held in Anaheim, California.



The members of HOSA

Club: HOSA

Sponsor: Ms. Wilson

and Ms. Peterson

of Members: 80

What's Done?:

HOSA were the proud sponsors of a food drive. They successfully took part in the adopt-a-home community service organization. The HOSA team gathered together for a holiday Christmas party. They departed on to a fall retreat and a lock in. There was a fall retreat and a lock in. They had a state HOSA conference.

Following instructions is important. That is exactly what Mrs. Kelly Ellis is doing in preparation for an activity.

The Gossip

"HOSA is a great activity to be involved in. Not only do you get to help others, you get a better idea about the medical field."

Senior Kathleen Appleman

"HOSA is a fun way to get involved in the medical field. Especially if you want to major in a medical profession."

Senior Jennifer Sharp

"HOSA is a fun organization where you can meet new people and learn all about the medical field."

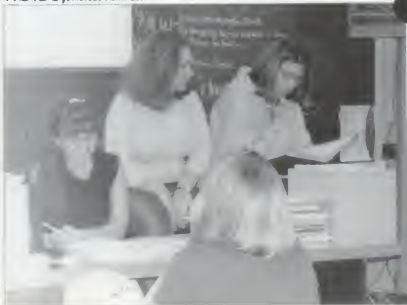
Senior Kristen Szabo

Photo by: Marcus Rainwater



Photo by: Marcus Rainwater

Working hard or hardly working, that is the question for Seniors Jeanette Sanchez, Stephanie Sonaty and junior Tiffany Whitaker.



• The members of HOSA
• smile at the camera at
• their meeting. HOSA is
• one of the few groups
• where students from
• all schools can join.

Always vigilant to her
own safety, senior
Tiffany Chayhitz
inspects a piece of
dental equipment.

Photo by: Marcus Rainwater



Photo by: Marcus Rainwater



Vocational Honor Society 2001 Nominees

David Baker
Angela Banzen
Jennifer Bedolla
Breanna Beike
Jade Burlingame
Matt Crawford
James Cyprian
Lee Davis
Gilberto Del Real
Todd Dobrowski
Sara Egendoerfer
Josh Gamble
Robert Gray Jr.

Christina Haack
Meghan Hagerty
Colin Highlands
Sandra Kennedy
Matt Konopasek
Curtis Ksenak
Jennifer Luther
Jamie McCune
Melissa Morris
Dustin Pittman
Christine Sanchez
Brooks Sayer
Chad Schweitzer

Tyler Schweitzer
Daniel Sedo
Shauna Sterling
Doug Szarmach
Brandie Thiel
Veronica Tilley
Douglas Tomes
Julia Trachtenberg
Rebecca Upchurch
Tiffany Whitaker
Casey Yasko

Vocational Honor Society

Club: Vocational Honor Society

Sponsor: Mrs. Peterson

of Members: 120

What's Done?: In this club you do not get inducted by your GPA but you are enrolled based on your performance, time and dedication to the profession or career path they have chosen. The induction ceremony honors those students who have proven most successful in their career choices.

Club: Foreign Language Honor Society

Sponsor: Mrs. Rodea

of Members: 57

What's Done?: The

Foreign Language Honor Society is an organization to honor the students who excel in the study of a foreign language. While the group has no formal activities other than the induction, it is still quite the privilege to be asked to join. They induct people from foreign language classes who has kept a 3.0 average or better.



The candle ceremony is the highlight of any induction because it signifies the important roles of character and academics.

Photo by: Marcus Ramwater

Nominees, with their parents behind them, wait to be inducted during the Foreign Language Honor Society ceremony.



Those who hit the slopes have a choice of whether they want to snowboard or ski. Here some girl skiers take a break to smile.

At night, some of the ski club members went tubing for fun. The ski club went on three separate trips to Michigan during the course of the winter.



Making Winter Fun

Ski Club gives students something to do besides movies

Story by: Stacie Culp

A student living in Portage might dread the coming of winter. Winter means no beach, no windows down, and no bikinis. There are a select few, however, who decide to stop whining and find something to during the cold winter months. Mrs. Slamkowski decided last year to incorporate one of her hobbies into our club curriculum, and started the ski club. This year the ski club grew in popularity, with some of the old members returning. For some

already "pro" skiers and snowboarders, the ski club just provided an opportunity to go ride. Some students joined the ski club with no prior skiing or snowboarding experience at all. "I had never boarded before I joined the ski club. I improved each trip, and now I love it," stated senior Jennifer Kaminski.

So instead of spending every weekend at the Portage 9 or dance clubs, the ski club members had more exciting winter existences.



For beginners, falling is definitely part of learning. The first day your try skiing or snowboarding, your likely to go home with a few bruises.



On the trip to Timber Ridge, the ski club took two separate vehicles. Here, on one of the school's vans, the members show their excitement for the day.

The Gossip

"If the ski club was a professional boxer, it would be the heavy weight champion of the world, with the sex appeal of Patrick Swayze and the sheer physical strength of a wrecking ball, but not a regular wrecking ball...a wrecking ball with spikes on it!"

Junior Patrick Thurber

SKI CLUB



The various members of ski club

Club:

Ski/ Snowboarding Club

Sponsor:

Mrs. Marge Slamkowski

of Members:

approx. 20

What's Done?:

During the winter the ski club took three field trips, two days trips and one weekend trip. The trips were to Bittersweet, Timber Ridge, and Boyne Mountain, all located in Michigan. The ski club had various meetings during the year, and sold candy to raise money for the trips.



The Gossip

"I joined Art Club because I love art. Also, it gave me a chance to know more people. I plan on majoring in graphic arts so I know it will be a good experience for me."

Junior Jennifer Saxinger

One of the first projects the Art Club did was to create a sidewalk mural representing favorite summer moments. They did this with colorful chalk.

The sidewalk mural was located between the east and west buildings during late August and early September. This gave other students a chance to recognize others work



While painting on the scrap board, Senior Lauren Dimitri cleans the spray can nozzle. It is always good to clean to ensure a good spray.



- The west building wall
- mural has become a
- yearly project. Junior
- Alicia McMillan checks
- to see if the first layer
- of paint is dry.



Art Club



People in the picture: (Front Row) Toni Bordelon, Jennifer Saxinger, Amanda Nelson, Lia Palmer (Second Row) Mrs. Weise, Jessica McBride, Jennifer Rak, Alicia MacMillan, Holly Granzow, Michael Blakley.

Club: Art Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Weise

of Members: 9

What's Done?: The art club endeavors to keep the students of Portage High School aware of the profound importance of art in their lives. The club does this by exhibiting many projects at school where the art quality can be appreciated. Many of the students involved in art club plan on pursuing a career in the field. The club meets once a week.

Writers Block



Club: Writers Block

Sponsor: Mrs. Lute-

Brown

of Members: 9

What's Done?

Writer's Block is a club where people can express themselves, and share with others what and how they feel. Through there stories and poems.

Photo by: Robert Gray



Hands by her side, this student shares with the group. Meetings were a time for sharing and critiquing students work.

These girls were involved with Writer's Block, which met every Wednesday to help students progress as writers.



Photo by: Robert Gray

- A Writer's Block
- member recites some
- of the writings she has
- prepared to share with
- the group.



Photo by: Robert Gray

Express yourself

Through your stories and poetry in Writer's Block

Story by: Kyla Williams

Some people who want to express themselves but, are not quite sure how. Well, they can always join Writer's Block or Reading Club, and learn how to Express their feelings and emotions by writing a poem or a short story. People can share their ideas and stories with the fellow club members or keep it to themselves. Writer's Block is a fun and enjoyable club with fun people. They understand a lot and everyone helps everyone out, if they need it.

Also, people enjoy reading and reading to people they can join the Reading Club. This is a fun and exciting group that enjoys a good book and reading with friends. They read about one book every five to six weeks then they meet to tell everyone how they liked it. They enjoy having new people join. Writer's Block is in a partnership with 'Barnes and Noble' for National poetry month in April.

Reading Club



Club: Reading Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Lute-

Brown and Kathleen Hull

of Members: 5-6

What's Done?:

Reading club is a brand new club this year. Every 5-6 weeks they will read a new book, and then meet after school to discuss the response to the book. So if they enjoy reading then join the reading club.

After the movie there is a discussion about what they liked or disliked about the film. Seniors Scott Wolozanski and Stephen Arvidson listen in to the conversation.



Photo by: Jen Mesich

Film Study



People in the picture: (Front Row) Scott Wolozanski (Second Row) Justin Macmillan, Steve Arvidson (Third Row) Jon Thomas, Mr. James Downes, Chad Norris (Fourth Row) Harold Morgan

Club: Film Study

Sponsor: Mr. Jimmy

Downes

of Members: 6

What's Done?: Film

Study Club is devoted to watching videos and then analyzing them for the technical aspects of good films. Some of the things that they look for are different camera angles, quality of script and special effects.

At a Film Study Club meeting, freshman Justin Macmillan and adviser Jimmy Downes, watch the weekly film.



Photo by: Jen Mesich

The Gossip

"Film Study Club provides a great opportunity for students to learn about the criteria of good and decent films."

Junior Jon Thomas

"Film Study Club has taught me that students have a lot of insight into movies and it is important, not only to watch good movies, but really bad films as well. Overall, Umpa Lumpas are evil.

Advisor Mr. Jimmy Downes



Getting ready to return the ping pong ball, senior Chris Harnung squares his paddle to return the ball.

At a table tennis club meet Senior Chris Harnung battles his foe, Bryan Mose in a fierce competition.



Table Tennis



People in the picture: (Front Row) Chris Harnung, Ivan Colon, Bryan Mose

Club: Table Tennis

Sponsor:

Mr. Christopher May

of Members: 3

What's Done?: This

club is the team that plays table tennis. In this club there is not much physical activity, but there are many mental challenges, in strategies and other various forms and techniques.

Natural Helpers



- On the fall retreat,
- Candice Meyer, Kimberly
- Reese, Tiffany Chayhitz,
- Lynn Ewen, and Becky
- Anders take a moment
- out to take a picture.
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Everyday students on retreat are served breakfast, lunch, and dinner by the cafeteria staff. Senior Michael Zonder has a little fun with his food.



The students on Natural Helpers tend to get a little tired by the second and third day, as Stephanie Hernandez, Bradley Stevenson, Elizabeth Ciccheto, and Jacob Cohen show us.



The Gossip

"The retreat profoundly changed my life, and being on staff was such a rewarding experience. SPASS rules!"

Senior Abby Porter

"I really enjoyed relating to students outside of classroom situations and being in activities where they were in charge."

Mrs. Linda Lemond

"The retreat was a great experience. It is amazing how close the bonds between everyone was after only three days."

Junior Jennifer Novanty



Fall Retreat

People in the picture: (Front Row) Jerry Lasky, Lynn Wilson, Erin Wendt, Tiffany Chayitz, Ralph Mundt, Maureen Cary, Brian Beach, Laurie Cohen, Adam Higgins (Second Row) Kimberly Reese, Rebecca Anders, Ashley Plummer, Kathryn Trathen, Stacie Culp, Elizabeth Enrico, Sane Ibrahim, Bryan Scheub, Jason Bristow (Third Row) Melanie Badovinac, Olivia Grashel, Shauna Sterling, Curt Shaffer, Candice Myer, Kelli Ellis, Julie Racich (Fourth Row) Patrick Thurber, Mark J. Karmel, Kiesha Adams, Lauren Hansen, Lynn Ewen, Stephanie Sonaty, David Gilbert, Allan Nagy, Tiffany Whitaker, Adam O'Hare.



Winter Retreat

People in the picture: (Front Row) Brian Beach, Angela Magaña, Sarah Canner, Alison Mayfield. (Second Row) Christina Vega, Caryn Adair, Shreece Latreece Walker, Julia Johnson. (Third Row) Kristen Leon, Sara Egendoerfer, Esther Tugurian, Sara Sassaville, Adam Higgins, Lindsay O'Rourke, Jillynn Guth, Abby Porter. (Fourth Row) Linda Lemond, Kelli Ellis, Richard Barajas, Julie Fancher, Sara Crowley, Emily Garnett, Micheal Zonder, Erin Sheehan, Christina Chase, Dawn Piazza, Mark J. Karmel. (Sixth Row) Lynn Wilson, John-Micheal Hutchins, Darryl Schultz, Michael Brown, Scott Buhman, Gary Reed, Mitchell Sims, Mark Korba, James Hazzard.



Spring Retreat

People in the picture: (Front Row) Michael Zonder, Matthew Vaughn, Kristy Siminski, Jill Young, Stacie Culp, Kelly Ellis (Second Row) Stephanie Hernandez, Jennifer Novotny, Daniel Rodriguez, Daniel Shattuck, Brian Scheub (Third Row) Mark Karmel, Jeff Jones, Adam Moreno, Jacob Cohen, Elizabeth Cicchetto, Rebecca Siminski, Stephanie Lofland, Misty Cole, Brian Sarnowski, Kevin Damerell (Fourth Row) Jillynn Guth, Jessica Berlin, Jennifer Mesich, Ruth Hall, Bradley Stevenson, Adam Velesquez, Amanda Littke, Kathie Trathen, Curt Shaffer (Sixth Row) Lynn Wilson, Michelle Vaught, Melissa Deavers, Nicholas Christian, Bo Koishel, Jennifer Randell, Michael Torchia, Christopher Fabien, Mitch Vance, Joe Voyer III

On the retreat, students must walk on trails to get from place to place. Here senior Julia Johnson has a little fun climbing trees while on her way back to the cabins.



- The Thespian banquet
- provided an opportunity
- for the seniors to
- perform one last time,
- as Aaron Flores
- demonstrates his
- singing ability.



Photo by: Jennifer Mesich

- At the Thespians banquet,
- Mr. Patrick Moody hugs
- senior Sara Crowley while
- presenting her an award.
- Awards were handed out
- to various members.



Photo by: Jennifer Mesich

THESPIANS



Photos by: Jennifer Mesich



People in the picture: (Front Row) Erin Wendt, Elizabeth Enrico, Kathryn Trathen, Matthew Scheuer, Abby Porter. (Second Row) Hernan Colon II, James Alexander, Brian Sarnowski, Aaron Flores, Michael Ziulkowski II, Allen Hughes, Sara Crowley.

Club: Thespians

Sponsor: Mr. Joe Stevens

of Members: 21

What's Done?: The

Thespians are a theatrical group which raises money for the costumes, sets, and other necessities for the plays and musicals done at PHS.

People in the picture: (Front Row) Bryan Scheub, Michelle Mihalik, Brandon Hill. (Second Row) Glenn Cliver, Rebecca Anders, Allen Hughes, Chad Fredericks, Kayla Crecelius, Joshua Mitchell.

The Gossip

"The Thespians are unique because we take ourselves out of the classroom setting and actually get involved with theater on a higher level."

Senior President Allen Hughes

"Q&S was definitely a learning experience, and I'll remember those people forever."

Senior Stacie Culp

"Quill and Scroll is a valuable experience for me and looks great on college applications."

Senior Angela Magana



Photo by: Jennifer Mesich

At the annual banquet, senior Christopher Stidham explains to parents some of the aspects of the newspaper. Stidham was co-editor this year in addition to senior Nicole Robinson.

Photo by: Jennifer Mesich

Quill and Scroll



People in the picture: (Front Row) Elizabeth Brown, Nicole Robinson, Angela Magana, Christina Vega, Shandra Stanfield, Stephanie Lofland. (Second Row) Dylan McKee, Christopher Hopper, Tristan Mathews, Maria Villacin, Jennifer Mesich, Stacie Culp, Patrick Thurber, Bradley Stevenson, Karen Green. (Third Row) Hunter McKee, Jeffrey Burton, Christopher Stidham, Robert Gray, Anthony Holeman.

Club: Quill and Scroll

Sponsor: Mr. Mark J. Karmel

of Members: 20

What's Done?: Quill and Scroll is an honor society for journalism students of Portage High School. The members are involved with either Legend or Pow Wow for at least one full year, and are in the top 30 percent of their class. Q & S participates in community activities ranging from Christmas in April to planning the annual publications banquet at the end of year.

Photo by: Nicole Robinson



Members of the Legend and Pow Wow staffs combine for the Quill and Scroll group of honors publications students. These students contributed to their community by volunteering at Christmas in April.

Students Alicia Macmillan and Caroline Beck-Meyer practice self defense techniques. Self defense is a good way to defend yourself in harmful situations.



Photo by: Jennifer Mesch



Photo by: Jennifer Mesch

The Gossip

"Tae Kwon-Do is a very good sport to be in. It is a good exercise sport. Practice is fun."

Sophomore Jason Huckaby

"Tae Kwon-Do is a great way to stay in shape. It is fun to meet new people and learn new things."

Freshman Alexis Bendt

"Tae Kwon-Do teachers you to be strong mentally and physically to defend yourself. The whole experience is fun and enjoyable."

Junior Alicia Macmillan

At a meet, senior Adam O'Hare and junior Timothy Cuttill practice their side kicks. Side kicks take practice.

The Kwon-Do



People in the picture: (Front Row) Mr. Jose Rhodea, Alexis Bendt, Alicia MacMillan, Timothy Cuttill, Adam O' Hare, Jason Huckaby, Caroline Beck-Meyer

Club: Tae Kwon-Do

Sponsor:

Mr. Jose Rhodea

of Members: 11

What's Done?: Tae Kwon-Do practices ancient Chinese cultural techniques. In May they tried for the orange belt which is the first stage in the intermediate level. Tae Kwon-Do is a good way to keep in shape and to get exercise.



Students and faculty alike take part in Tae Kwon-Do. Tae Kwon-Do meets after school.

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At a Tae Kwon-Do meet, Mitch Vance bows to show respect to Mr. Jason Cope. To bow is a great way to show respect to your partner.

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At a meet, Mr. Jason Cope and Mrs. Carolyn Rhodea practice their side kicks. Tae Kwon-Do meetings practice ancient Chinese culture.

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National Honor Society



People in the picture: (Front Row) Kristin Selund, Abby Porter, Kari Kopko, Michelle Lute, Nicole Keith, Laura Hodges, Ashley Plummer, Tina Hyde, Tanja Gazibara, Jennifer Belleville, Shelby Luna, Amanda Littke, Francis Dranchek. (Second Row) Alison Mayfield, Jessica Smedley, Nicole Robinson, Stephanie Bartz, Angela Sabocik, Victoria Perez, Christina Vega, Valerie Smettzer, Stephanie Lofland, Katherine Oslizo, Carla Villicin. (Third Row) Mary Lee Stinson, Matthew Harris, Lisa Owen, Kristen Siminski, Jaclyn DeBord, Erin Sweeney, Philip Guerre, Jennifer Mesich, Jody Greer, Alicia MacMillan, Erin Wendt. (Fourth Row) Natalie Hardison, Julie Green, Jeff Burton, Chad Fredericks, Patrick Collins, Mark Korba, James Hazzard, Scott Knutsen, Jennifer Biller, Paul Moore, Christopher Newton, Tyler Schweitzer.

Club: NHS

Sponsor: Ms. Elizabeth Duncan

of Members: 60

What's Done?:

National Honor Society gives students a chance to be honored for their academic performance and their involvement in the community. Members are required to pay dues and also to participate in a number of community service activities, as well as school activities.



Every year NHS participates in many community activities to help students get involved. Here, senior Holly Paniaguas helps in nursing home bingo.

While holding the traditional induction candle, junior Tanja Gazibara waits to be inducted. Only juniors and seniors can be inducted.





Senior officers Kristin Selund, Abby Porter, and Kari Kopko renew their commitment to honor society. This will be their last year in honor society.

While discussing future plans for the National Honor Society meeting. Abby Porter and Kari Kopko lead the weekly NHS meeting.



As she signs in, senior Kristin Selund is distracted for a moment. Selund was the National Honor Society secretary for this year.

The Gossip

"The best part about National Honor Society is that we are given the opportunity to give back to the community."

Senior Erin Ables

"Because of National Honor Society I am now more aware of the needs and problems in our community and neighboring towns."

Senior Erin Wendt

Satisfaction





Sport S

The Indians line up at the line of scrimmage. The Indians sustained many injuries this season including James Ramirez, Nathan Krenkel, Aaron Garza, and Michael Brown.



Photo by Root Studios

Indians survive injuries

Working Through the Pain

Story By: Jennifer Mesich

The lights on the field shine brightly. The team makes its way out of the locker room to the sound of applause from friends and family in the stands. It's the beginning of yet another game for the Portage Indians.

The varsity football team certainly had its share of ups and downs. The 2000 season was marked by several injuries, some to key players. Players that were on the injured list this year include Nathan Krenkel, Aaron Garza, and Michael Brown. Wide receiver

James Ramirez had an ACL injury to his knee and missed practically the whole season. Senior Jacob Fadely said, "Injuries affected the team in that it took some of our key players away and other people had to step up and fill those shoes." The whole team was able to work through these unexpected problems, though, and have a positive season.

The Indians ended the season with a record of 6-3. assistant coach Pete Turpa commented on the season, "They've played up to their capabilities." Others on the team agreed. "I feel as a team we

did good, because we learned how to play as a team and accomplish goals together," said Fadely. Unfortunately, the Indians lost their first sectional game, ending the post-season. During the regular season, though, the players performed well considering the circumstances they played under. A lesser team might have crumbled under the pressure of playing its games with several players missing, but the Indians were able to step up and overcome the challenges as a team.



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After he receives a pass, senior Angelo Papachronis is tackled by a Lake Central player. Papachronis caught 26 passes for 378 yards this year.

Before the next play, senior Nicholas Mayerik receives instructions from Coach Buzza. Mayerik was the quarterback throughout the season.



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The defense team members tackle a Lake Central player. The Indians were defeated Lake Central by a score of 14-21.

As the whistle blows, sophomore Eric Smith prepares to hike the ball to his teammate. The Indians ended the season with a record of 6-3.



Varsity Football

Front Row: Billy Doll, Vance Johnston, Mario Lopez, Steven Budkis, Hunter McKee, Aaron Garza, Christopher Daniel, Peter Guzzo, Ryan West, Shelby Milner, Brittany Buzea. **Second Row:** John James, Thomas Potts, Nicholas Mayerik, Angelo Papachronis, James Hazzard, Scott Buhman, Ryan Colville, Nathan Ritchie, Nicholas Christian, Nathan Krenkel, Bryan Dixon, Xpiso Karakozis, Michael Brown. **Third Row:** Kelly Armour, Nicole Ayala, Amanda Schumacher, Sarah Cohen, Terry Milner, Dave Mattix, David Ortiz, Craig Buzea, Brett St. Germain, Pete Turpa, Steve Livingston, Craig Fantin, Tonya Wilson, Shannon Flanagan, Jeanette Sanchez, Chris Wood. **Fourth Row:** Ron Blaney, Matthew Sedoris, Anthony Robbins, Paul Reed II, Derek Costa, Frank Nimeth, Bryan Tinsley, Dylan McKee, Patrick Kennedy, Nicholas Giangulio, Eric Berry, Aaron McGuffey, Matthew Vaughan. **Fifth Row:** Matthew Caldwell, Jake Shear, Robert Holtzman, Albert McCorkle, Matthew Fejes, Eric Smith, Adam Hasiak, Matthew Diamond, Steven Sirko, Aaron Jennings, Matthew Cates, Michael Supp, Eric York, Joshua Rocha. **Sixth Row:** Nathaniel Rossman, Sean Hassett, Tracy Chapman, James Bonta, Russ Natalie Jr., Kristofer Karagory, Ryan Wring, Jerome Homolla III, Aaron Schnarr, Eric Smith, Michael Forgas, Torsten Gotz, Trent Bolin. **Seventh Row:** Robert Wring, Jonathon Burchuk, Anthony Crist, Mark Alan Fleming Jr., Kevin Jones, Kristopher Hardaway, James Ramirez, Anthony Vottero, Kyle Sonarty, Frank Knez III, David Dienes II, Brock Shipley.



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Scores

Opponent	Final Score
East Chicago	24-21
Lake Central	14-21
Hobart	14-13
Merrillville	16-7
Crown Point	42-10
Christerton	7-17
Michigan City	38-7
Valparaiso	0-24
LaPorte	28-7
Sectionals	7-21

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At a home game, running and defensive back, sophomore Paul Reed escapes the clutches of a Hobart Brickie player.

The junior varsity season ended at 7-2.



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Scores

Opponent	Final score
East Chicago	60-0
Lake Central	28-6
Hobart	36-6
Merrillville	26-0
Crown Point	33-0
Chesterton	6-8
Michigan City	36-6
Valparaiso	20-6
LaPorte	24-8

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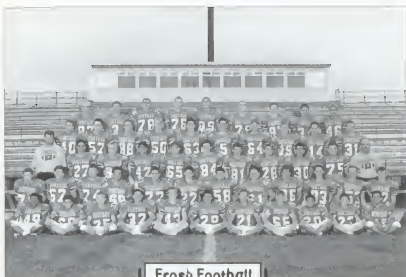
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Poised to catch the ball at the 20 yard line, junior Patrick Kennedy alludes the defense to complete the play. This lead the team to win against Hobart.

The front line of the freshman Portage Indian offense prepares for the next play. The freshman season ended strong with an 8-1 record.



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Frosh Football

Front Row: John Santiago, Micheal Knickerbocker, Charles Severs, Zachery Bryan, Jonathon Wegerich, Ryan Cappinger, Donald Hayworth, Sammie Maletta, Paul Davy, Jeremiah Rocha. **Second Row:** Steven Richards, Kyle Spurr, Nicholas Serrano, Steven Jones, Alex Clark, Anthony Evans, Kyle Lerch, Nicholas Mills, Bryan Fielder, Brandon Georgi, Jonathon Davis. **Third Row:** Coach Hodges, Ralph Konchar, Hunter Lloyd, Daniel Martinez, Stanely Sarnowski, Steven Vaught, Joseph Fadely, Justin Roman, Artemio Delreal, Daniel Velazquez, Coach Tharp. **Fourth Row:** Robert Hodges, Ralph Konchar, Dane Klakoski, Robert Cayton, Darrell Hobgood, John Camery III, Jake Liesch, Dan Paulsen, Jesse Harrell, Jeff Kalch. **Fifth Row:** Joseph Montoleone, Erik Scheub, Donald Catlin, Jeremy Leggett, Kyle Autrey, Matthew Newton, Billy Manoski, Shawn Sparks, Michael Steege.



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Against Lake Central, junior Kristofer Karagory breaks away from the opposing team. Karagory's effort helped the team win 14-12.

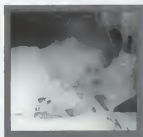
The ball almost in the opponents reach, sophomore Frank Knez tackles a Hobart team member. The junior varsity team beat Hobart 34-7.



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Opponent	Final Score
East Chicago	44-0
Lake Central	14-12
Hobart	34-7
Merrillville	18-22
Crown Point	35-0
Chesterton	33-6
Michigan City	14-6
Valpariso	12-6
LaPorte	7-9
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Athletes Tell All



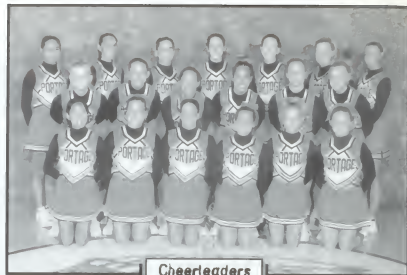
"We had a good season. The coaches were good and I had fun."
Daniel Paulsen



"I had a blast, and our team did awesome!"
~Jeremy Leggett



"Coaches Hodges helped me a lot. Coach Tharp was very funny."
~Nicholas Williams



Front Row: Maria Lozano, Angela Sabocik, Samantha Weinman,
Nicole Fernandez, Briana Klimek, Erin O'Reilly **Second Row:** Nicole
Severs, Allison Lowe, Julianne Repay, Amanda Diaz, Stefani Hesselstine, Sandra
Kennedy **Third Row:** Christina Vega, Stephanie Erwin, Kellie Smith,
Carla Vargas, Allison Sattler, Ashley Cunningham, Angela Shields



At the fall homecoming parade, the PHS cheerleaders assembled for a tumbling line. They captivated the crowd as they tumbled backwards in unison.



Before sophomore Amanda Diaz is able to execute a toetouch cradle, she must first ride the lift provided by her bases. All stunts require much practice.

Athletes Tell All



"Cheerleading is a great experience, competing at nationals proved we are really athletes."
-Sophomore Amanda Diaz



"Nationals was great. It helped the team gain experience when we competed at a more advanced level."
-Junior Samantha Weinman



"We had a great season. All the girls are talented and we got along great!"
-Senior Sandra Kennedy



"I liked the competitions the best. Our skill level keeps improving."
-Sophomore Nicole Fernandez

Prior to the Boys Basketball game, JV cheerleaders practice the full-down dismount they will be performing during time outs.



Story By: Stacie Culp

Team places 8th A First for Everything

December 18-20 were milestone days for the cheerleaders at Portage High School. In these three days they proved they are not only girls who jump around at games, but excellent athletes as well. The team competed for the first time at nationals, and landed a victory by placing 8th in the finals. For those of you who may not know much about the world of competitive cheerleading, or got your information from the movie 'Bring It On',

here is how it works: The team can qualify while at elite summer cheerleading camps where they get an 'ok' from the staff. The other way to qualify for nationals is during National Cheerleading Association (NCA) competitions. After qualifying, the team vigorously rehearses their routine daily, perfecting and adding any new touches. The National Competition was held in Dallas, Texas, where 25 of the best teams around the country were assembled.

After the first round, 13 teams are eliminated, leaving 12 to compete in the finals. At the end of the finals, the winners are announced, and for PHS Cheerleading, the feeling of accomplishment was felt within the squad. Individual awards were earned at the Midwest Cheerleading Competition, including Amanda Diaz, Stephanie Erwin, Sam Weinman, and a team of five girls that won in the stunt competition.



At a fall football game, the cheerleading squad perform a move called a liberty line. The cheerleaders performed at all PHS football games.

In a full-formation, the cheerleaders show off some of their best moves. As mentioned in the above story, the team placed eighth in the nation this year.

The JV squad performs at the basketball game during half-time. The squad attends a UDA camp and that is where many skills are refined.

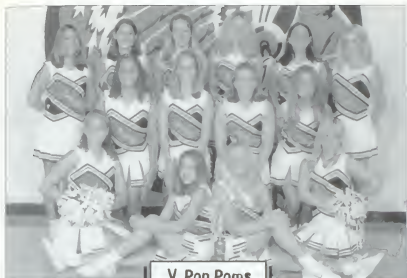
For the Regional Ensemble, juniors Kristen Allen and Jessica Santiago pose in their costumes. The outfits usually depict the type of music.

The JV Poms team performs during half-time at the basketball game. The squad performs at boys and girls soccer and football games as well.



At a varsity football game, during half-time, the entire Poms Squad performs a kick line. The kick line was only part of the routine which lasted a majority of the fifteen minutes.





V. Pon Poms

Front Row: Christina Hyde, Jessica Vega, Kristen Allen, Jennifer Belleville. **Second Row:** Jessica Santiago, Christina Priest, Tara DelMaria, Maria Belleville. **Third Row:** Michelle Ayala, Selena Guajardo, Tanja Gazibara, Tesa Emmart, Ashley Oliver, Stephanie Taylor.



The dances that were performed by the team were usually choreographed by the students themselves. There are separate tryouts for captain and other positions.

Aside from dancing, the Poms took part in charitable activities. During the holidays the team bought gifts for the needy.



Athletes Tell All



"My favorite part of the team was being able to dance and have fun with my friends."

-Freshman Selena Guajardo



"Making friends, dancing, competitions, and camp were my favorite parts."

-Sophomore Christina Priest



"The team was a big family. I am so close to everyone of my teammates. I learned so much from them."

-Junior Kristen Allen

In the middle of the race, freshman John Clay struggles to get ahead of a Merrillville runner. Portage defeated Merrillville by a score of 15-45.

To do his best, senior Thomas Erickson tries to pace himself throughout the race. Erickson, a varsity runner, placed 87th in the state competition.



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Athletes Tell All



"Sometimes things don't always go as planned. In those times, you got to keep the faith."

-Senior Thomas Erickson



"Considering all the hard work we've put in, I hope we can put everything that has happened over the last few weeks behind us."

-Senior Michael Zonder



"The hardest part was keeping focus after things haven't gone as planned and keeping my eye on the goal."

-Senior Robert Charbonneau



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At the Merrillville meet, senior Robert Vega tries to run the fastest time.

The cross country team runs 5K at each race.

Scores

Final Score

Opponent	Final Score
Penn Hokum Karem	2nd place
Rebel Invite	2nd place
Merrillville	15-45
Carmel Classic	3rd place
Crown Point	17-40
LaPorte	15-45
LaPorte	15-46
New Prairie	3rd place
New Prairie Invite	24-35
Chesteron	15-50
Michigan City	8th place
Culver Invite	15-50
Hobart	15-50
Boone Groove	17-45
Valparaiso	3rd place
Manchester Invite	3rd place
DAC Meet	3rd place
Sectional	2nd place
Regional	5th place
Semi-State	13th place
State	

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Front Row: Gregory Westerlamp, Robert Vega, Brandon Bowman.

Second Row: Matthew McCluskey, Joseph Setnor, Michael Urbanik, Robert Charbonneau, Craig Foster, Cuyler Simmons, John Clay II.

Third Row: Alex Mulvihill, Michael Taylor, Christopher Erickson, Charles Pall,

Andrew Zeha



Boys Cross Country

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Photo by: Root Studios



After the gun is fired, the runners begin the race. The cross country team ended the season with a record of 8-1.

At the Merrillville meet, junior Craig Foster runs toward the finish line. The cross country team finished 13th in the state competition.

Athletes Tell All



"This year our team came together a lot better than the past. We get a lot of criticism, but this year we turned things around."

-Senior Jillynn Guth



"I think our cross country team didn't realize our potential at first, but as the season went on we surprised people."

-Freshman Amanda Massow



"Cross country is a physically and mentally hard sport. Only the strong survive."

-Junior Michelle Lute



"Even though cross country is a competitive sport, our team was willing to work hard and push to meet our goals."

-Junior Isha Leon

Front Row: Danielle Abram, Cassie Vandergriff, Amanda

Massow. **Second Row:** Lindsay Abram, Maureen Pall,

Danielle Gingerich, Lindsay O'Rourke, Melissa Evans, Isha Leon.

Third Row: Jay White, Michelle Lute, Heide Hullsiek, Patty

Baker. **Fourth Row:** Ashley Plummer, Stephanie Krostag,

Gretchen Hargarten. **Fifth Row:** Sane Ibrahim, Emily Kirk,

Jillynn Guth, Amy Lochmondy.



Girls Cross Country



To do their best, sophomore Maureen Pall and senior Jillynn Guth pace themselves together. Each race is 4K long.

In an effort to aid the team, freshman Amanda Massow runs toward the finish line. The cross country team finished the season with a record of 4-4.





At the beginning of a race, junior Stephanie Krostag pulls ahead of Merrillville. The cross country team placed 11th in semi-state.

Scores

Opponent	
Penn Hokum Karem	3rd place
Rebel Invite	4th place
Merrillville	20-35
Carmel Classic	8th place
Crown Point	24-33
LaPorte	19-43
New Prairie	36-21
New Prairie Invite	11th place
Chesterton	45-17
Michigan City	36-19
Culver Invite	10th place
Hobart	15-50
Valparaiso	50-15
Manchester Invite	15th place
DAC Meet	4th place
Sectional	3rd place
Regional	5th place
Semi-State	11th place
Season Record	4-4

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With the end of the race in mind, juniors Isha Leon and Danielle Gingerich run ahead of junior Melissa Evans. Evans was in the top twelve Indian runners this year.

Front Row: Lucas Dagata, Michael Ziulkowski II, Zachary Knutsen, Philip Guerre, Jeffrey Metz, Michael-Paul Hutchins, Douglas Tones, Jay Beckham

Jr. Second Row: Mark Yaksic, Nicholas Kanich, Daniel Rodriguez, Rudi Sinapov, Justin Follow, Nicholas Hamann, Ryan Campbell, Daniel Reisen,

Mark Korba **Third Row:** Coach Andy Yuko, Michael Pickart, Steven Cimbalevich, Gary Reed, Scott Knutsen, Rodrigo Diaz, Andrew Bennett, Nemanja Cacic, Coach Bob Laranie



Boys V. Soccer



As he stops the ball, senior goalie Jeffrey Metz grimaces. Metz has excelled at his position for the last two years for the booming Portage Indians.

While busting a move, Michael-Paul Hutchins stuns his opponent with his skills. This is Hutchins first year on the team, and is a starter for varsity.

As he is preparing to kick the ball, senior Michael Pickart puts all effort into making the right shot. The Indians beat the Bulldogs.



Athletes Tell All



"This soccer season was incredible beyond my expectations."

-Sophomore Zachary Knutsen



"This year we surprised ourselves and everyone else with our success."

-Senior Jeff Metz



"If it wasn't for Coach Vuko, we wouldn't have gotten as far as we did. He pushed us hard at practice."

-Senior Douglas Tomes



"We had a spectacular season that surprised everyone which ended early, unfortunately"

-Junior Michael Paul Hutchins



Boys JV. Soccer

Front Row: Eric Michaels, Paul Cherepko, Joshua Kellams, Brian Bissonnette, John Andrews, Jeremy Gordon
Second Row: Justin Olson, Kyle Sweeney, Mark Yaksic, Garrett Pendleton, Terry Easton, Chau Tran
Third Row: Vidomir Ivanovic, Brooks Gordon, Stefan Hutchins, Nick Hammond, Daniel Laboy, Nathan Ziulkowski, Timothy Hyde, Coach Bob Laranee



Opponent	Final Score
Highland	1-2
Mt. Vernon	0-2
Lake Central	2-4
Griffith	0-1
Chesterton	0-1
Lafayette Jeff	0-3
Valparaiso	3-2
Merrillville	4-1
Sectional	1-9
Regional	0-2
Semi-State	2-1

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As he heads the ball, Steven Cimbaljevich clinches his teeth. Portage went to semi-state this season.

Opponent	Final Score
Highland	1-2
Mt. Vernon	1-1
Crown Point	0-3
Andean	1-1
Lake Central	3-1
Hobart	0-3
Michigan City	0-4
SB St. Joe	2-0
Laporte	0-4
Griffith	2-0
Chesterton	0-3

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By blocking the ball from entering the net, goalie Megan Homolla prevents a point from being scored. The varsity team's final record was 6-5.



Photo By: Root Studios

While dribbling the ball around the opponent, senior Kristen Selund attempts to score a point. Selund has been on the varsity team for four years.



Photo By: Root Studios

Scores	
Opponent	Final Score
Concord	1-2
Crown Point	2-3
Munster	2-5
Hobart	1-8
Highland	2-0
Michigan City	0-11
La Porte	0-5
Andrean	3-1
Chesterton	1-0
Valparaiso	2-0
Sectional	3-2

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Front Row: Briana Klimek, Carolyn Slamkowski, Stephanie Balunda,

Ashley Bernardi Second Row: Erika Lopez, Bridget Ladra, Ashley Luellman, Kristin Selund, Renee Grant, Biljana Jasnica Third Row: Coach Felice Magdiell, Stephanie Butler, Angela Banzen, Rachel Torres, Lauren Sandor, Jami Dudzik, Maggie Sabn



Photo By: Denise Alderson Photography

Girls V. Soccer



Girls JV Soccer

Photo 5: Dennis Alderson Photography

Front Row: Deanna Loeffler, Michelle Cirrincione, Kristin Coffman, Emily Safstrom **Second Row:** Amy Engel, Kelly Guba, Carrie Barnum, Julie Knight, Megan Coleman, Meagan Blatsioris, Ava Gibson **Third Row:** Coach Leslee Cashmore, Stephanie Butler, Ashley Luellman, Alice Wozniak, Sarah Brown, Jessica Sosa, Danielle Ricker, Coach Anthony Cardenas



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As she grasps the ball before entering the net, goalie Stephanie Balunda prevents a point. The games are played at Willowcreek Middle School.

As she makes a corner kick towards the goal, junior Angela Benzen attempts to score a point. Benzen has played on the varsity team for two seasons.



Photo 9: Root Studios

While kicking the ball into play, junior Jaimi Dudzik grins. The varsity team won against the Munster Mustangs with a score of 5-2.

Scores	
Opponent	Final Score
Concord	0-2
Crown Point	0-1
Munster	0-2
Hobart	0-9
Highland	0-4
Michigan City	0-3
LaPorte	0-3
Andean	2-0
Chesterton	1-0
Valparaiso	1-1

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Scores	
Opponent	Final Score
Noll	2-0
Morton	2-0
Washington Twp.	2-0
Marquette	0-2
Lowell	2-1
Highland	0-2
Andrean	2-0
Kankakee Valley	2-0
Crown Point	2-0
Michigan City	2-3
Valparaiso	2-0
Wheeler	second
Penn Tournament	2-3
Lake Central	2-0
Griffith	00-01



V. Volleyball

Front Row: Caitlin Groves, Belinda Myers, Jamie Sutton, Rebecca Wyatt
 Second Row: Mr. Dixon, Leigh Cotton, Lauren Benson, Melissa Misner, Joanna Benson, Mrs. Dixon
 Third Row: Jennifer Caldwell, Jamie Lewis, Lauren Hansen, Julie Green.



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Due to the score of the game point, Senior Lauren Hansen and sophomore team member Leigh Cotton congratulate each other on the victory.

Teamwork is key to the success of the girl's varsity season, as shown here by seniors Jamie Lewis and Belinda Meyers. This block helped win the game.



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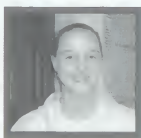
Athletes Tell All



"All that I have to say is good luck next year Joanna! Everyone else have fun! Miss me..."
-Senior Lauren Bensen



"Good luck seniors! We will miss you!"
-Junior Caitlin Groves



"I had so much fun this year. The key to our success is team work"
-Senior Jamie Lewis



"We did really well this year, and I knew that we would because we all got along well."
-Senior Belinda Meyers



"Success is a journey not a destination."
-Sophomore Leigh Cotton



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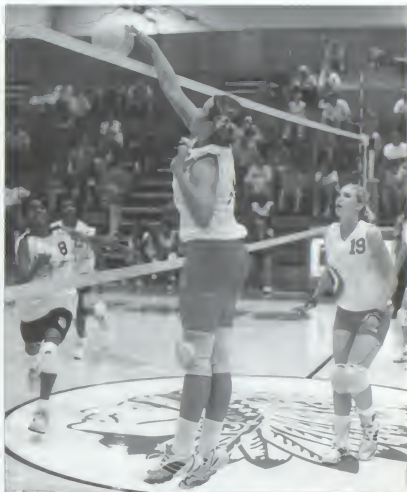


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A triumphant game began with a wonderful over hand serve courtesy of senior Melissa Misner. The varsity team had an over all terrific game.

As senior Lauren Hansen attentively watches while sophomore Leigh Cotton spikes the ball over the net to earn yet another point.

Athletes Tell All



"Volleyball season is my favorite sport season of the year. It's a nice way to meet people and keep in shape."
-Sophomore Cherish Davis



"I love volleyball! It is a lot of fun! The girls are great and it's a good way to stay fit." -Sophomore Richelle Alcantara



"Volleyball is fun and tough at the same time. If you work hard you are rewarded with winning"
-Freshman Kara Lane



"If you work hard enough, you will get where you want to be."
-Freshman Jennifer Owen



Photo By: Root Studios

In the middle of a JV game, sophomores Cherish Davis, Elizabeth Koziol, and Elizabeth Cooper await the referee's call.

In a huddle before the game begins from the half time break, the JV team gives each other a last few good words of encouragement.



Photo By: Root Studios

Scores	
Opponent	Final Score
Wheeler	2-3
Griffith	2-0
Andean	2-0
Valparaiso	0-2
Chesterton	1-3
Munster	0-2
Nall	2-3
Michigan City	2-0
Kankakee Valley	0-2 a 2-0 b
Merrillville	2-1
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Frosh Volleyball

Front Row: Elizabeth Ryan, Priscilla Ramos, Elizabeth Sefcik.
Second Row: Elizabeth Robbins, Kara Lane, Nicole McDonald, Amber Butala, Sarai Tarpley, Ashley Rodriguez. Third Row: Mrs. Leander, Sheila Kortage, Jennifer Watt, Tiffany Tabisz, Heather Raman, Jennifer Owen, Christine Lozano.



JV Volleyball

Front Row: Stephanie Murphy, Elizabeth Koziol. **Second Row:** Nicole Flannery, Elizabeth Cooper, Richelle Alcantara, Christina Kornacki, Melissa Olsch, Jessica Cotton, Cherish Davis. **Third Row:** Cynthia Hassett, Lauren Berntsen, Jennifer Novotny, Catlin Austgen.

Scores

Opponent	Final Score
Valparaiso	1-2
Griffith	2-0
Merrillville	2-1
Chesterton	1-2
South Central	2-0
Wheeler	2-0
Lake Central	0-2
Kankakee Valley	0-2
Highland	2-0
Crown Point	2-1
Andean	2-0
Gavit	2-0

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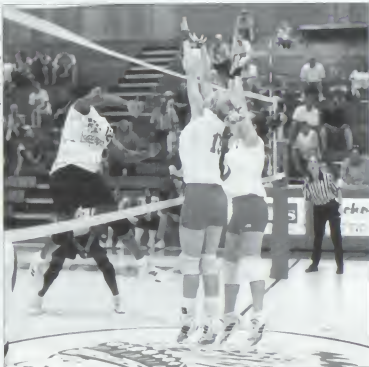


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In the middle of a home volleyball game, freshman Jennifer Owen returns the ball with speed. Speed, power and endurance are all important in games.

Two JV team members work together to block the ball from the opposing team. The JV team had a strong season making it to sectionals competition.

Athletes Tell All



"My favorite team to face was Hobart. This was my first year on tennis, and I liked it."

-Freshman Robert Zbikowski



"This is my first year playing for the Portage High School tennis team, and it was better."

-Sophomore Brett Arnold



"This is my first year playing on a Portage High School team, and it was fun."

-Junior Allan Nagy



"Though this season was more of a rebuilding year, I enjoyed it more than previous seasons."

-Senior Patrick Highlands



To show the team's sportsmanship, each player shakes hands. Here Brett Arnold shakes hands with his opponent. Whether winning or losing, sportsmanship is all part of the game.

Front Row: Anthony Laingren, Andrew Maletta. **Second Row:** Jeremy Williams, Patrick Highlands, Russ Naumenko, Ryan Twilla. **Third Row:** Kevin Wall, Jeffrey Bersten, Jon Cotton, Allan Nagy, Robert Zbikowski. **Not Pictured:** Brett Arnold, Brooks Wheeler, Bill Bramhofer, Brandon Jordan.



Boys Tennis



At a home game, junior Allan Nagy watches his follow through after jumping to hit the ball. It was Nagy's first year on the tennis team.

Underclassmen composed the majority of the team this year. Here sophomore Brett Arnold gets ready to hit the ball.



The stride was just enough to get the ball. The return was made by senior Jeffrey Berntsen. Berntsen was one of the few seniors on the team this year.



Front Row: Ashleigh Oatsvall, Kelly Higgins, Jennifer Kaminski,
Crystal Delgado **Back Row:** Suzanna Harman, Katie Danskin, Jessica
Lazar, Carly Ristich, Alexandra Hansen, Danielle Moore



Girls Golf



Photo By: Root Studios

While on their way to victory, freshman Ashley Biggs concentrates strongly on her shot. The Portage girls golf had an overall great season.

At the girls golf meet, sophomore Jessica Lazar concentrates really hard on the ball. It takes a lot of skill and practice to be a good golfer.



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With her eyes on the ball, sophomore Carly Ristich hits a high one. She follows through to have a perfect swing. Perfect swing is a good quality in golf.



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After senior Jennifer Kaminski puts the ball, she hopes this shot will improve their score. The girls golf team practiced a lot to have a great season.

After a home game, Coach Milakovic talks to Sophomore Katie Danskin about her performance. The girls golf team placed eighth in regionals.



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Scores

Opponent	Final Score
Valparaiso Invite	12th
Munster	244-210
Twin Lake Tny.	12th
Kankakee Valley	7th
Rensselaer Invite	11th
New Prairie Invite	8th
Marquette	11th
Marquette invite	177-208
Crown Point	196-237
LaPorte	178-206
Hanover Central	240-207
Lake Central	198-207
Michigan City	207-192
Chesterton	219-211
Merrillville	245-209
Laporte Invite	9th
Hobart	254-186
LaPorte Invite	9th
Lowell	219-187
Boone Groove	231-215
Sectionals	3rd
Regionals	8th

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Athletes Tell All



"No season would ever be complete without slide tackling in the middle of fairways or golf cart polo. Golf is the greatest game ever. I had a great time.
-Jennifer Kaminski



"Golf is the best sport and golf polo is the coolest! We had a great team and a really fun season.
-Danielle Moore



"My favorite part was playing and getting to know everyone. I think we had a really close team this year.
-Suzanna Harman

Story By: Shandra Stanfield

Boys Basketball

High Expectations Pay Off

The 2000-2001 Boys Basketball team began their season with high expectations and one common goal among all the players and coaches: to make this season their best ever. Some believe that this goal was achieved. The team

had their share of difficulties throughout the season, but once sectionals began the team pulled together and gave every game their all. After crushing defeats over Michigan City,

Chesterton, and South Bend Washington, Portage Boys Basketball team had their first Sectional Championship in five years. Upon their return, the team was welcomed by a fire truck and police cars. The team boarded the truck while the police cars accompanied them along side.

Only days later the team was faced with yet another challenge. On Wednesday, March 14th, 2001, Portage High School hosted their first ever home Regional Championship. The team played Penn, who

ranked number

five in the state. However, the team wasn't intimidated and set out to win.

After a close running game and five minutes of overtime, the team was defeated.

Nonetheless, the boys look back with a positive attitude.

Senior Jacob Parker said, "It was the most memorable season ever. I have developed relationships with people and memories that will last a lifetime. Now I have to prepare for the next level."

Basketball can often be a very physical sport. Here, senior Mark Korba bumps into an opposing team member in an attempt to pass the ball to a team mate.



A strong defense is essential for any team. This is demonstrated here by junior Craig Foster, who is working hard to maintain control of the ball.

Players must deal with being constantly guarded. Here, even though he is being double teamed, junior Jonathan Cotton goes for the shot.





V. Basketball

Front Row: Coach Jay Hodges, Coach Tom Wells, Coach Steve Bartos
Back Row: Sean Hassett, Mark Korba, Nicholas Mayerik, Michael Taylor, James Hazzard, Jacob Parker, Manager Michael Moon, Jonathan Cotton, Scott Swanson, Brian Dixon, Steven Cimbalyevich, Michael Supp, Craig Foster



Opponent	Final Score
Hammond	58-49
Penn	54-74
Calumet	75-73
Lake Central	69-55
Crown Point	75-90
Highland	57-45
Michigan City	54-56
Valparaiso	64-72
Laporte	70-81
Hobart	71-59
Boone Grove	78-69
Chesterton	62-59
Merrillville	62-77
St. Ignasius	78-71
Valparaiso	65-72
Kankakee Valley	55-52
Michigan City	62-71
Munster	72-57
Bishop Noll	62-66
Wheeler	76-59
Michigan City	79-48
Chesterton	67-56
South Bend	81-73
Penn	43-51
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Players watch anxiously while senior Nicholas Mayerik leaps off the floor in attempt to make a last minute shot.

Players must maintain a strong offense. Shown here is senior Jacob Parker doing his best to guard opponents.

Athletes Tell All



"It was my first year in basketball. It was a great learning experience. Coach Kretz was a great coach."
-Freshman Zachery Bryan



"It was fun. We did better than everyone expected. We were really surprised when we beat the J.V. Team."
-Freshman Justin Ortiz



"It was a full and stimulating experience. We also have an amazing coach."
-Freshman Billy Manoski



"We had an excellent season. I believe most people greatly improved. I give props to Coach Kretz."
-Freshman Daniel Paulson



As freshman Terry Krajefski attempts a lay up, a Hobart opponent tries to block the ball from going into the hoop. Portage defeated Hobart 71-59.

Scores	
Opponent	Final Score
Morton	58-49
Lake Central	69-55
Hobart	71-59
Boone Grove	78-69
Michigan City	79-48
Valparaiso	48-43
Kankakee Valley	61-48
Crown Point	75-90
Highland	57-45

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Front Row: Matthew Martinez, Adam Hasiak, James Bonta, Frank Knez, Coach Bartos, Ryan Colville, Allan Nagy, Daniel Trapanier, Brett Bando, Ryan Campbell, Chad Valentine, Jacob Blaney



J.V. Boys B-Ball



Frosh B-Ball

First Row: Joe Arnold, Justin Ortiz, Zachery Bryan, Paul Cherepko, Terry Easton, Justin Olson, Garrett Pendelton. **Second Row:** Bryant Young, Brian Bissonette, Joey Montoleone, Dan Paulsen, Lorenzo Lacey, Erik Scheub, Steve Vaught, Jon Rush. **Third Row:** Coach Kretz, Mike Steege, Donald Catlin, Cody Chayhitz, Kyle Autrey, Terry Krajefska, Billy Manoski, Coach King, Netti Olejniczek

Scores	Final Score
Opponent	
Valparaiso	40-46
Andean	60-46
Laporte	38-35
Lake Central	54-47
Merrillville	61-57
Crown Point	40-36
Chesterton	50-43
Valparaiso	31-34
Munster	45-40
Hobart	58-21
Boone Grove	53-19
East Chicago	50-53

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At an away game, freshman Lorenzo Lacey attempts to block a Hobart player. They had a great season with a final record of 12-9.

A Hobart player attempts to block a shot made by freshman Justin Ortiz. This shot earned a point that helped win the game.

Story By: Shandra Stanfield

Girls Moment in the Sun

Winter Homecoming

Speed is an essential skill for the girls when they are out on the court. Here, senior Lauren Hansen moves around a member from the opposing team.

It is no question whether the Girls' Basketball team works hard every season. The girls spend countless hours practicing and fund-raising, never failing to make the city of Portage, not just Portage High School, proud. This season was no different, except in that the girls had one more goal motivating them to succeed. On January 19th, the girls basketball team

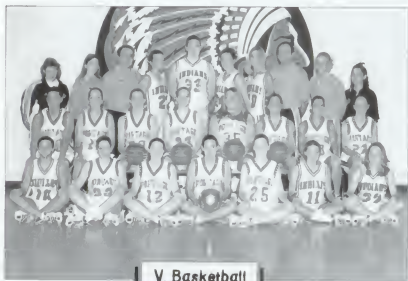
participated in Portage High School's first ever Girl's Homecoming game. The game was seen as a major step not just for Portage, but for girls' sports in general.

"It was cool. I don't think many other schools do this, so it was fun to have something unique," said senior Lauren Hansen.

Aside from being unique, the game served as a

memory the girls will never forget. The girls look back with fondness. The winter homecoming game brought a great deal of much needed attention to the sport of girls basketball and will undoubtedly continue in the upcoming years.

"I think it was a great opportunity for the girls basketball team to shine," reflected soph. Jessica Lazar.



V. Basketball

Front Row: Nicole McDonald, Nicole Dearing, Danielle Moore, Carly Ristic, Caitlin Austgen, Jessica Lazar, Lindsay Abram. **Second Row:** Melissa Mateo, Shannon Ellenson, Jamie Lewis, Lauren Hansen, Amanda Autrey, Ashley Safstrom, Tracie Korbar, Nicole Tesseneer. **Third Row:** Coach Renee Turpa, Amy Becker, Mr. Doug Nelson, Leigh Cotton, Allison Zuidervilet, Christina Kornacki, Bridget Ladra, Coach Bob Maicher, Missy Fekete, Julietta Concepcion

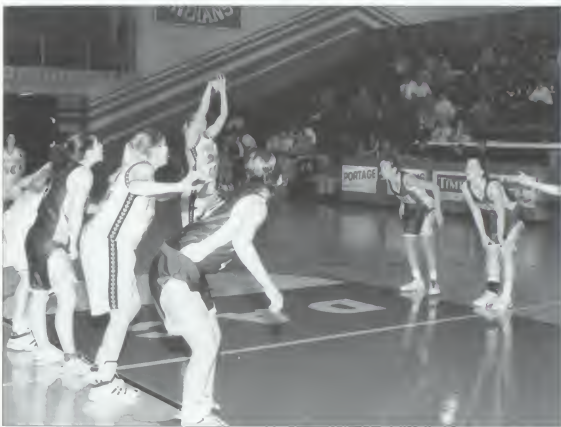
Team spirit is important to the girls. Here, Jamie Lewis and Lauren Hansen jump to high-five each other to show their support for their team mates.





Players often have more duties than just playing in the games. Shannon Ellenson, a member of the varsity team, has the honor of singing the National Anthem.

The girls spent countless practices perfecting their free throws. Here, senior Lauren Hansen shoots while her team mates look on.



Scores	Final Score
Opponent	
East Chicago	61-43
Gavit	57-49
Highland	57-63
Kankakee Valley	44-40
Crown Point	39-46
Laporte	42-43
Munster	46-34
Hobart	50-32
Mooresville	48-65
Elkart Central	67-37
Western	38-35
Chesterton	42-31
Andrean	52-37
Merrillville	46-38
Valparaiso	44-58
Bishop Noll	56-50
Boone Grove	45-30
Penn	45-52
South Bend	54-51
Sectional vs. Valparaiso	53-49
	00-01

The girls must work hard intellectually as well as physically. Here, Coach Maicher goes over the plays.

On the sidelines, Coach Pivarnik discusses strategy on how to defeat Bishop Noll. The team went on to a 27 to 13 victory over the other team.

With a little extra effort, one of the freshman basketball players dive for the ball. Ball handling is an essential element to the game of basketball.



Photo By: Jennie Behting



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Scores

Opponent	Final Score
Lake Central	31-27
La Porte	29-31
KV	32-21
Munster	31-28
Andean	12-31
Hobart	30-27
Valparaiso	26-38
Merrillville	30-24
Washington	24-22
Highland	27-34
Bishop Noll	27-13

00-01

Front Row: Brenda Talley, Crystal Delgado, Chris Lanzo, Ali Batista, Emily Safstrom **Second Row:** Sarah Racich, Ashley Luellman, Tabitha Schuster, Danielle Ricker, Kristin Wilk, Courtnei Arcuri, Kara Lane **Third Row:** Coach Timothy Pivarnik, Anna Rivera, Allison Satler, Autumn Stoner, Krystal Rigoni, Alex Hansen, Amber Ferguson, Coach Castle



Girls Frosh Basketball

Scores

Opponent	Final Score
Lake Central	33-48
Penn	21-48
South Bend	45-31
Boone Grove	35-42
Bishop Noll	44-35
Valparaiso	23-45
Merrville	36-22
Andrean	32-40
Chesterton	32-25
Hobart	24-31
Munster	37-32

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Photo 54 Shooting

Putting the ball back in play after it goes out of bounds can be a key moment in any basketball game. Here a Lady Indian shows how to do it right.



Photo 55 Shooting



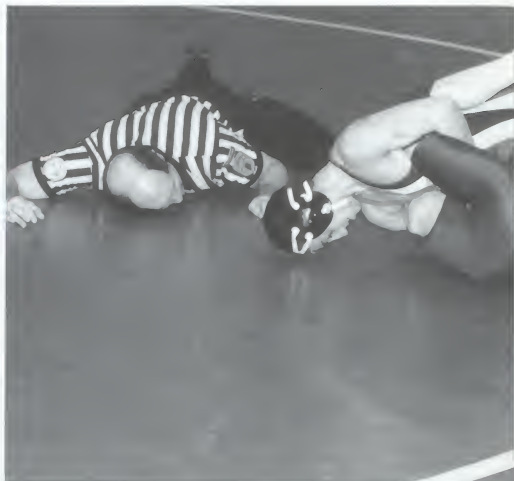
Photo 56 Shooting

With her focus on the ball, a freshman player attempts to block one of the girls from Bishop Noll. Defensive strategy is always key to winning a big game.

And the ball is up, as a Lady Indian goes for the long shot. Players have many options to score like a 3-pointer or simply in the key.

He finishes his shot by pulling in his opponents leg. Sophomore Aaron McGuffy was on the JV team but was allowed to wrestle for the Varsity team also.

With the referee on the floor, senior Adam Moreno pushes for the pin. Moreno placed 5th in the Individual State Championship two years before and 7th this year.



The JV wrestlers gather on a mat to cheer on their teammates. Some of the JV wrestlers were bumped up throughout the year to take the place of absent, or injured wrestlers.



Wrestling

Front Row: Christopher West, Brian Tinsley, Jacob Fleck, David Persin, Adam Moreno, Jeffrey Veach Jr., Paul Reed, Gene Neyhart II, Charles Severs, Nathan Uldricks, Blake Riley, Chau Tran. **Second Row:** Sarah Cohen, Jose Rojano Jr., Steven Jones, Brian Nagler, Derek Costa, Joshua Garza, Darren Elkins, Daniel Martinez, Joshua Rocha, Rich Colvin, Jessica Cohen. **Third Row:** Jonathon Kozik, Darrell Hobgood, Joshua Kellams, Justin Powell, Scott Buhman, Rickie Elkins, Jacob Cohen, Trent Bolin, Anthony Crist.

Dane Klakoski.

Story By: Angela Magana

The Road to State

The Tradition Continues

This year the wrestlers showed once again that Portage was not to be messed with. The season ended with a record of 33-2 for the varsity team. This success did not come easy. The match for semi-state was not supposed to create as much of an obstacle as the Indians received. Griffith did what many teams try to do, create a challenge. The outcome of that dual match came down to

the heavyweights, something that seldom happens. From the first match to the last match the meet was anyone's guess. This dual match was for the right to the Team State Competition. The team knew that this would be one of the hardest challenges that they would have this year. In the end though, Portage was victorious. After that match the team had to concentrate on Mater Dei, the

only other school to pose a major threat to the Portage Indians. At Center Grove's gymnasium fans poured in, Mater Dei taking a majority of the seats. The Indians started the tournament showing no mercy. As hard as they tried Portage fell short of victory to Mater Dei who has taken first for seven years in a row. It was an emotional time for everyone as the team collected their second place medals.

Scores-V		Final Score 33-2
Opponent		
Wawasee Invite	5-0 (matches)	
Michigan City	59-9	
Merrillville	63-6	
Calumet Invite	5-0 (matches)	
LaPorte	53-13	
North Montgomery	7-1 (matches)	
Valparaiso	52-12	
Lake Station Duals	4-0 (matches)	
Hobart	61-7	
DAC	1st	
Crown Point	52-13	
Culver Invite	1st	
Sectionals	1st	
Regionals	1st	
Semi-State	1st	
State	2nd	
		00-01



Scores-JV		Final Score
Opponent		
Portage Invite	26-34	
Michigan City	17-21	
Lowell Invite	66-78	
Merrillville	90-45	
Goshen Invite	15-13	
LaPorte	22-24	
Lafayette Jeff	23-78	
Valparaiso	23-98	
River Forest	00-01	
Hobart	22-94	
DAC Conference	43-98	
Crown Point	43-98	
Mishawaka	43-98	
		00-01

Against Hobart, senior Rickie Elkins prepares to pin the Brickie. Elkins qualified for the State competition held at the Consco Field House in Indianapolis.

Athletes Tell All



"Gymnastics was really fun this year. We worked well together and improved a lot from last year."

-Sophomore Amy Engel



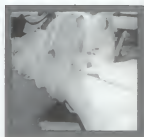
"Gymnastics was fun and we also had a good year."

-Junior Carla Vargas



"Our team is a lot better than last year, and it was more fun."

-Junior Nicole Keith



"We had a good season and we dedicate all of our PMA to Richard because he hates the world."

-Freshman Briana Klimek

Scores	
Opponent	Final Score
LaPorte	99.875-91.00
Hobart	101.125-102.555
Michigan City	100.6-89.525
Crown Point	101.475-94.725
Merrillville	102.475-110.475
Lowell	105.25-98.30
Valparaiso	104.55-104.975
Chesterton	104.665-108.275
00-01	

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While freshman Kandi Nugent has some spare time, she practices her floor routine. In gymnastics, practice and determination are good qualities to have.

As junior Carla Vargas flies on the uneven bars, she plans her next move. Practice good and concentration is a key to help make a perfect routine.





While on the balance beam, sophomore Renee Grant performs her routine. Good balance and coordination are good qualities to have to participate in the sport of gymnastics.

While depending on her spotter, sophomore Lauren Berntsen practices her beam routine. Spotters are integral part of gymnastics practice.

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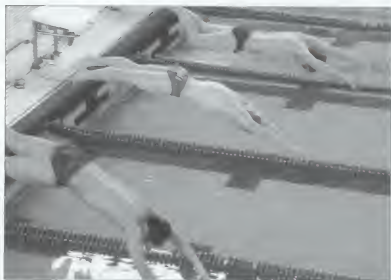
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Gymnastics

Front Row: Angela Sabock, Stefani Hesseltine, Carla Vargas, Amy Engel, Julianne Repay. **Second Row:** Bonnie Kuss, Renee Grant, Nicole Keith, Lauren Berntsen. **Third Row:** Briana Klimek, Kandi Nugent, Nicole Fernandez, Christine Wampler.

"The boys swim team is considered a young team since it is made up of mostly underclassmen," said swim coach and teacher Ralph Mundt.



The initial entrance into the water is the most critical aspect of one's performance. Freshman David Spacek concentrates on remaining focused.

Properly executing a dive requires great precision and concentration. This is the first year senior Markus Gotz dove for the boys swim team.



Athletes Tell All



"This season was great, even though we were faced with a lot of changes."
~Junior co-captain
Daniel Hatten



"I won't forget this season. With all our losses, we still did some great things."
~Sophomore co-captain
Brian Golarz



"We are a really young team, but when the time came, we proved what we could do."
~Junior James Gardner



"Morning and after school practices six days a week can make swimming pretty tough. It's worth it though."
~Freshman Daniel Velazquez

Scores	
Opponent	Final Score
Lafayette Jeff	95-91
Merrillville	95-91
Munster Relays	4th place
LaPorte	105-81
Highland	89-105
Michigan City	112-73
Munster	77-109
Lake Central	72-114
Crown Point - V	83-103
Crown Point - JV	89-87
Griffith	119-60
Diving Invitational	2nd place
Valparaiso	84-102
Chesterton - V	42-139
Chesterton - JV	100-88
Wheeler	124-42
Hobart	84-99
DAC Meet - V	6th place
DAC Meet - JV	no totals
Sectionals	3rd place
00-01	

Story By: Christina Vega

Breaking the Age Barrier

Underclassmen reign

In the winter of 2000, the varsity boys swim team reluctantly waved good-bye to its graduating team members. As the last traces of the seniors disappeared, the underclassmen examined all remaining members that would prospectively lead them in the lane of victory. It did not take the boys swim team long before they discovered that their team was significantly altered, for the swim team had greatly diminished to only

freshmen and a few sophomores.

Enter swim season 2000-2001. Having lost some of the team's finest members, many Portage swim fans expressed concern in regards to the new team, composed predominately of inexperienced underclassmen.

"One of our goals was to get the boys to swim like veterans, not like rookies," asserted varsity boys swim coach Ralph Mundt.

Duel meets were a positive instrument that

needed experience.

"They became more seasoned because of the experience, especially through dual meets," noted Mundt. The boys purposely swam tired throughout their regular season. Consequently, when the time came for them to rest, their taper was very effective. Nearly all swimmers dropped times at sectionals and the varsity team walked away with third place. Putting all doubts to rest, the swimmers matured in their sport.



V. Boys Swim

Front Row: David Spacek, Jason Nelson, Kristopher Krabbenhoef, Jason Siroky, Michael Lukacovic, Brian Golarz, Geoffrey Kallimani. **Second Row:** Daniel Velazquez, James Gardner, Barbara Staton, John Gardner, Matthew Urquidi, Adam Velazquez. **Third Row:** Markus Gotz, Aaron Clark, William Simkin, Daniel Hatten, Eric Berry.

Athletes Tell All



"This year's team did better than I expected and became more of a cohesive family."

-Senior Kari Kopko



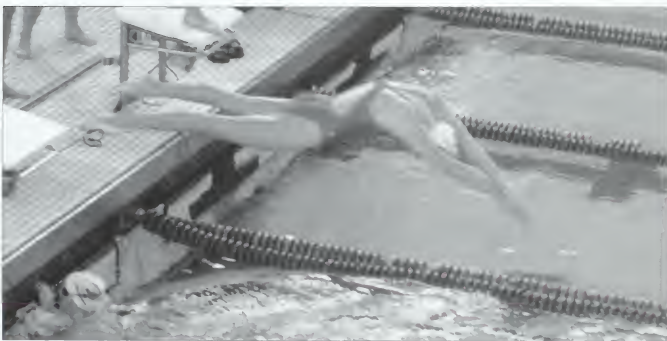
"This team was very unified and worked harder to succeed."

-Senior Jillynn Guth



"Being my senior year, I came into this season with a lot of high expectations. The girls on the team didn't let me down."

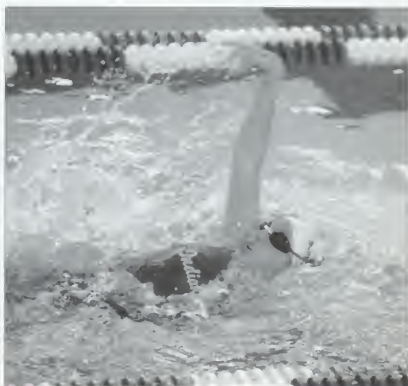
-Senior Brenna Sweeney



During a relay, Kristin Siminski dives into the water. Siminski finished second in the 200 meter freestyle and 100 meter butterfly at the state meet.



In the 500 meter freestyle, Jillynn Guth completes her final lap. The swim team placed third in the sectionals and eighth in the state meet this year.



While in the 200 meter individual medley, Kari Kopko swims the backstroke. Kopko placed eleventh place in the breaststroke at the state meet.



During a competition, senior Pamela Snoder completes a dive. The swim team finished the season with a record of 8 to 4.

Scores	
Opponent	Final Score
Munster	103-83
Lafayette Jefferson	133-53
Merrillville	125-59
Highland	113-73
Michigan City	103-83
Crown Point	91-95
Valparaiso	91-95
South Bend St. Joseph	106-80
Lake Central	78-108
Chesterton	48-138
Sectional	3rd place
State	8th place

00-01



Girls Swimming

Front Row: Rachel Russ, Tamara Paniagauss, Eva Henson, Stephanie

Bottorff, Jennifer Owen, Miranda West, Richelle Alcantara, Bertha Morales.

Second Row: Heather Piazza, Holly Paniagauss, Kristin Siminski, Kristy Corey, Ashley Plummer, Kari Kopko, Jaclyn DeBord, Amy Lochmondy.

Jillynn Guth, Danielle Abram, Elizabeth Simkin, Isha Leon. **Third Row:** Morgan Ekdahl, Nina Krass, Sarah Stoehr, Jessica Sosa, Rebecca Anders, Adriana Ivanovic, Brenna Sweeney, Deborah Roberts, Michelle Green, Ashley Cowger, Amy Ryan. **Fourth Row:** Lynda Watson, Ingrid Conover, Elizabeth Caldwell, Kara Gibson, Lauren Niemcewicz, Alice Wozniak, Christina Farley.

Cherish Davis, Pamela Snoder, Kathleen Diamond.

Scores	
Opponent	Result
Valparaiso	loss
Merrillville	win
Lake Central	win
Chesterton	win
Carmel	win
Hobart/Valpo	win
Rensselaer	win
Michigan City	win
DAC-Merrillville	win
Sectionals	win

00-01



Boys Track

Front Row: Anthony Vottero, Matthew Andrews, Jack Lundy, Paul Reed II, Matthew Diamond, Eric Berry, Kyle Sweeney. **Second Row:** Coach John Kappes, Adam Roman, Frank Nimeth, Joseph Montoleone, Jason Clowers, Eric Smith, Matthew Newton, Erick McGuire, Manager Alan Fengya. **Third Row:** Coach John Fisher, Justin Powell, Paul Watson, Charles Pall III, Michael Taylor, Nicholas Mayerik, Steven Budkis, Coach Chuck Heinburg. **Coach:** Anthony Harper. **Back Row:** Thomas Erickson, Michael Zonder, Joseph Setnor, Steven Helpingstine, Jacob Fadely, Kurt Halfmann Jr., Adam Ritter, Michael Urbanik, Craig Foster, Christopher Papachronis, Coach Patricia Begley.



It is important to warm up before every meet. Here, seniors Michael Zonder, Thomas Erickson, and junior Michael Urbanik take some warm up laps.

This was junior Cottrell Sanders' first season on the track team. Here, Sanders takes the lead in the 200 meter dash over competitors from Lake Central.



Athletes Tell All



"I love my team. I feel like family when I'm in the presence of my coach and teammates."

~Junior Matthew Andrews



"I ran the Carmel relays for the first time ever this season. It was great to run against state level runners."

~Junior Alexander Mulvihill



"It was my goal this season to make the sectional team and I am proud to have accomplished that."

~Senior Robert Charbonneau



"We had a great season. We had excellent people in every event, giving it everything they had."

~Junior Adam Ritter

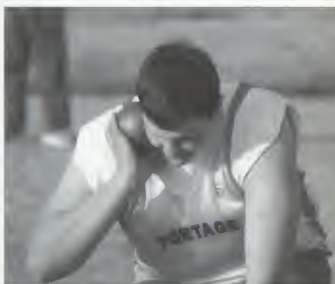


Runners strive for a strong start. A good lead can be all a runner needs to finish in the front. Here, Portage attempts to take the lead over Lake Central.

Track is not just about running, there are also many field events. Here, sophomore Eric Smith takes his stance in preparation for the shotput competition.



Runners must overcome many obstacles, literally. Here, senior Adam Roman leaps over a hurdle during a race.



Athletes Tell All



"Our team progressed greatly over our season despite all the injuries we've had."

-Sophomore Jessica Lazar



"Track had a very good season this year, and we had lots of fun too."

-Freshman Tiffany Tabisz



"We had a small team this year, but I think that made everyone work harder and it made us closer as a team."

-Junior Jody Greer



"It was really fun and the team worked together, we were very close and had lots of improvements."

-Sophomore Alison Zuidervliet



Photo by Stephanie Lofland

Here, Maureen Pall is in the lead while Alice Wozniak is a few steps behind and Tisha Niloff struggles to catch up. Running the relays takes team work to win.

Here, Gretchen Hargarten jumps as far as she can. The farther she gets the better her score will be. The long jump takes a lot of hard work to get it right.



Photo by Stephanie Lofland



Girls Track

Front Row: Isha Leon, Meghan Lamping, Laura Anderson, Erin Hall
Second Row: Connie Marvel, Maureen Pall, Maria Lozano, Michelle Cirrincione, Lindsay O'Rourke, Heather Nelson, Tisha Niloff, Aishah Muhammad.
Third Row: Erika Lopez, Amy Lochmondy, Jillynn Guth, Nicole Flannery, Lauren Benson, Kara Lane, Sarah Racich, Michelle Carns, Rebecca Bradford.
Fourth Row: Amy Ryan, Jessica Cotton, Jessica Sosa, Sarah Wilkins, Jennifer Edmonds, Amy Engel, Katie Palmateer, Jessica Lazar.
Fifth Row: Leigh Cotton, Christina Kornacki, Krystal Rigoni, Cherish Davis, Autumn Stoner, Allison Satter, Gretchen Hargarten, Stephanie Davis, Jody Greer.
Sixth Row: Mr. Jay White, Coach Peterson, Alice Wozniak, Amanda Autrey, Natalie Hardison, Allison Zuidervliet, Sarah Grund, Erin Rooney, Coach Carrie Beagley, Mr. Mark Harsha.



Photo by Stephanie Lofland

For the high jump Alice Wozniak angles her body to make it over the bar. Time and body alignment are necessary for a good high jump.

As Renee Grant leaps over the hurdle, she also concentrates to make good time. The hurdles take a lot of practice to master.



Photo by Stephanie Lofland

2001 Baseball Season

Varsity Roster: John Vucko, Adam Higgins, Brian Dixon, Sean Hassett, Ryan Rush, Tony Robb, Scott Imes, Dan DeHaven, Mark Oresik, Mark Riley, Nate Bryan, Dan Baker, Frank Knez, Adam Hasiak
Junior Varsity Roster: Zachery Bryan, Randy Campbell, David Dienes, Frank Dranchak, David Federoff, Nick Giangiolio, Jesse Harrell, Tristan Lajcin, Dylan McKee, Chris Nunley, Ray Przybysz, Chris Rogers, John Rush, Brock Shipley, Josh Staples
Freshmen Roster: Nicholas Bravo, Cory Sly, Walter Miller III, Kyle Spurr, Chad Smith, Joseph Fadely, Sammie Maletta III, Matthew Berquist, Hilary Manoski Jr., Shawn Sparks, Cody Chayhitz, Robert Hodges, Micheal Steege, William Purcell, John Camery III, Dustin Williams.



The starting team makes their way onto the field before the game begins. There were four senior members of the team this season.

While on the bench, juniors Ryan Rush and Mark Riley take a break out of playing and watch the other Varsity team member's performances.

The Junior Varsity team watches the rest of their team playing during a game. Support and friendly criticism are important parts of any team.



Photo by Jennifer Mesich



Photo by Stephanie Lofland

Athletes Tell All



"My best memory is when Adam Hasiak tripped on a banana peel in the locker room before practice."

-Junior Dan Dehaven



"Most of our games were kept close, but we let the others teams get away in the final innings."

-Senior Adam Higgins



"For the first year of their coaching, I think the coaching staff is doing a good job."

-Senior John Vucko



While the team is up to bat, junior Ryan Rush takes a little break from the game. When not on deck, players take time to cheer on their team and get a drink of water.

Junior Dylan McKee, and sophomore Christopher Nunley show us how many individual homeruns they have for the season.



One of the varsity members of the baseball team stops to fix his glove. A certain amount of time-outs are allowed in each game.

The starting team makes their way to the field before the game begins. This year there were only four seniors on the team.

Across home plate, sophomore Rebecca Wyatt runs. Fellow teammate, Christina Chase, puts her hand out to high five Wyatt.



Front Row: Carly Ristich, Cristin Zaragoza, Danielle Moore, Rebecca Wyatt, Caitlin Groves. **Second Row:** Abagael Najar, Jeff Smith, Randi Leggett, Tracie Korbar, Jeannette Piehl, Nicole Dearing, Missy Fekete. **Third Row:** Rebecca Rodriguez, Ashley Safstrom, Belinda Meyers, Jamie Lewis, Jamie Sutton, Christina Chase, Melissa Misner, Holli Owen.



Scores-V	
Opponent	Final Score
Valparaiso	3-0
Laporte	11-1
Hobart	8-0
Chesterton	4-1
Hobart	7-2
Merrillville	7-0
	4-0
Kankakee	3-1
Boone Grove	5-0
Griffith	3-0
Laporte	9-1
Munster	2-1
Michigan City	8-0
Semifinal Invitational	4-0
Championship Invite	1-3
Sectionals	
00-01	



At third base senior Ashley Safstrom receives advice on her next move from Coach Jeff Smith.



JV Softball

Front Row: Elizabeth Robbins, Nicole McDonald, Jennifer Owen, Lisa Niloff. **Second Row:** Brittney Suleski, Emily Safstrom, Jessica Cole, Cynthia Hassett, Samantha Dixon, Heather Ramian. **Third Row:** Anna Rivera, Amanda Massow, Kelly Higgins, Shannon Flanagan, Alexandra Hansen, Margaret Hostetler.



Against Crown Point junior Jeannette Piehl pitches. This year the softball team ended with a season record of 11-0.

Scores-JV	
Opponent	Final Score
Chesterton	13-8
Valparaiso	13-3
Hobart	7-2
Merrillville	10-0
Kankakee	15-0
Chesterton	6-4
Valparaiso	8-2

On first base freshman Alexandra Hansen prepares to run. Freshmen made a majority of the junior varsity team.

00-01

Athletes Tell All



"Joining the tennis team has been an awesome experience. I love my coaches and my teammates are so much fun!"
-Soph. Suzanna Harman



"Tennis was a fun experience. The girls that played on the team this year were a lot of fun."
-Sophomore Katie Danskin



"This was a great year. Due to many injuries to the team, we ended up doing pretty good. It was my funnest tennis season."
-Senior Lynn Ewen



"Tennis was fun this year. We played hard and we had a good team."
-Senior Monica Tatela



Here, sophomore Suzanna Harman warms up before a match. This was Suzanna's first year on the Varsity team.

Scores

Opponent	Final Score
Laporte	0-5
Valparaiso	0-5
Michigan City	0-5
Michigan City Invite	4th
Lake Central	0-5
East Central	2-3
Merrville	2-3
Chesterton	0-5
Highland	0-5

00-01

Front Row: Sara Domonkos, Angie Eichensehr, Michelle Krueger, Amanda Dixon, Vanesa Ziulkauskis, Ashley Villa, Jackie Stone, Tiffany Malenky.

Cassandra Vandergriff Second Row: Karen Villacin, Joleen Wiatrowski, Delanie Yermack, Nicole Donohue, Kristin Stewart, Katreena Taugher.

Janna Geries, Kristen Geros Third Row: Nicole Camarillo, Erin O'Reilly, Michelle Wright, Elizabeth Ryan, Brittany Childers, Nicole Wallingford.

Priscilla, Angela Fozkos Fourth Row: Lindsay Owen, Amanda Wootthern, Kristin Coffman, Vanessa Arroyo, Crystal Delgado.



JV Tennis



Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Coach Vanessa George, Katie Danskin, Nichole Peek, Lynn

Ewen, Julie Green, Femke Kastelijn Second Row: Suzanna Harman, Biljana Jasnic, Monica Tatela, Karie Barnum, Sarah Canner, Jessica Berquist.

Scores	
Opponent	Final Score
Laporte	0-5
Valparaiso	0-5
Michigan City	0-5
Lake Central	0-5
East Chicago	2-3
Herriville	0-5
Chesterton	1-4
Highland	0-5
00-01	



Even though this was freshman Katreena Taugher's first year on the tennis team, she showed great effort and skill. Here, she dives to return the ball.

During a match, junior Nicole Tesseneer forcefully serves the ball to her opponent. A strong serve is important in starting a match.

Golf is a sport that requires not only practice but determination. The players practice many times when they are not involved in competition.

After teeing off, junior Eric Spurr walks onto the green and tries to put his ball into the hole for a low score. Spurr was also on the golf team last season.



V Scores

Opponent	Final Score
Valparaiso	152-159
Michigan City	160-156
Hanover	154-175
North Newton	90-45
Kankakee Valley	169-173
Hobart	152-162
Munster	161-163
Lake Central	161-160
Chesterton	164-170
Highland	158-170
Boone Grove	153-159

00-01

JV Scores

Opponent	Final Score
Valparaiso	172-166
Michigan City	167-178
Hanover	167-224
Kankakee Valley	180-197
Hobart	172-189
Munster	174-196
Lake Central	174-176
Highland	162-183
Boone Grove	162-168
Crown Point	168-159

00-01



An attempt to get the ball out of a ditch is made by one of the golfers. Both J.V. and Varsity teams played well this season.



Sometimes trying to get the ball out the dirt is a challenge for the golfer. But this team member has no problem as he perfectly executes the maneuver.

Focused, senior Philip Mulroe concentrates on putting his ball into the hole. Philip was on the team all four years while here at Portage High School.



After teeing off, junior Chris Gomez watches the follow through on his ball. Gomez was also involved with the golf program his sophomore year.



One of Athletic Trainers many jobs is to assist athletes with injuries. Here, a trainer helps football player David Wring during a game.

Trainers received the credit they deserved when they rode in this years Fall Homecoming Parade. Their truck was decorated with signs and streamers.



Trainers are constantly being kept busy. However, here is a brief moment in which they are able to sit back and enjoy the game.

As in any other sport, warming up before a game is very important. Here, the goalie gets his share of practice while a team mate takes practice shots.



Scores	
Opponent	Final Score
Marian	2-2
Munster	5-4
Marian	4-2
CP-TFS	8-10
Lake Central	6-4
Munster	6-3
Lake Central	8-3
CP-TFS	9-1
Marian	6-2
Marian	5-2
00-01	



This was Portage's first season with a hockey team. Here, Players find their positions on the ice and prepare to start one of Portage's first hockey games.

Two Portage players skate off the ice after a tough game. Shown here, players are required to wear a lot of padding to protect them from injuries.

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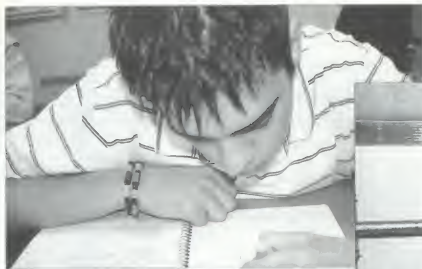
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Calling

Another Year to a close



As the year draws to a close, so does a year of ideas, a year of old and new friends, and a year's worth of memories of changing personalities, views, cultures, and backgrounds that somehow will fade into a melting pot of *Abstractions*. We are all a year older now. The *Distractions* of the every day lives of the students of Portage High School with our unique *Plans of Action* helped us make school work for us, whether it was having a good time, earning good grades, or both.



Throughout the year, we divided ourselves into *Different Factions*, with seniors finally entering the “real world” as the underclass took one more step to that four year goal. Attaining that goal leaves us with a sense of *Satisfaction*, with our accomplishments in school, athletics, clubs, or even just in our personal lives. The activities that included our *Social Interactions* made us grow into the

people that we are today. With the school year coming to a close, so do all the memories that the students will leave with from their year in school. But it is not the end of the journey, it is the beginning. With new opportunities to create the life experiences that someday will be the memories that we look back on, we learn. Some lessons with fondness, others with a little bit of sorrow. All have taught us the what we all came to Portage High School for.



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Measure	Mean (SD)
Age (years)	10.2 (0.5)
Height (cm)	145.2 (10.1)
Weight (kg)	38.5 (10.2)
BMI (kg m ⁻²)	18.6 (3.2)

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